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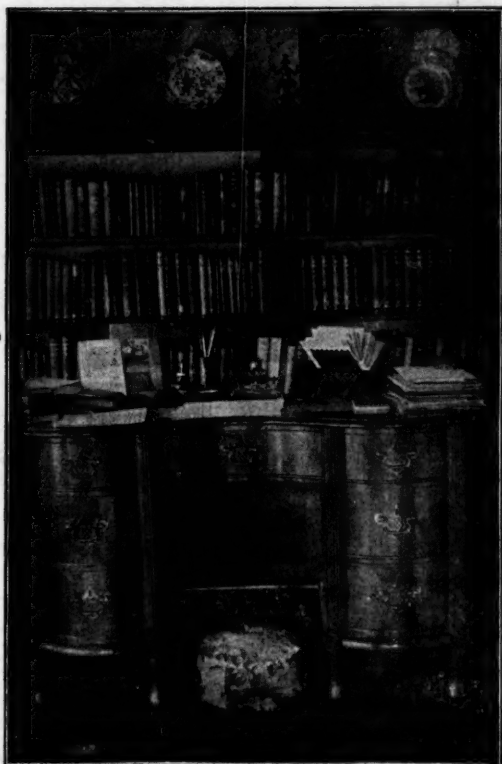
Christmas in India

Dim dawn behind the tamarisks—the sky is saffron- yellow—
As the women in the village grind the corn,
And the parrots seek the riverside, each calling to his fellow
That the Day, the staring Eastern Day is born.
Oh, the white dust on the highway! Oh, the stench in the
byway!
Oh, the clammy fog that hovers o'er the earth!
And at Home they're making merry 'neath the white and
scarlet berry—
What part have India's exiles in their mirth?

Full day behind the tamarisks—the sky is blue and staring—
As the cattle crawl afield beneath the yoke,
And they bear one o'er the field-path who is past all hope
or caring,
To the ghat below the curling wreaths of smoke.
Call on Rama, going slowly, as ye bear a brother lowly—
Call on Rama; he may hear, perhaps, your voice!
With our hymn-books and our psalters we appeal to other
altars,
And to-day we bid "good Christian men rejoice!"

—Kipling.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



"The restless millions wait
That light whose dawning maketh all
things new.

Christ also waits; but men are slow and
late:

Have we done all we could? Have I?
Have you?"

At this joyous season it is worth while to contrast Kipling's vivid pen picture of "Christmas in India" with our own beautiful holiday—which should be holy day, as well. Are we passing on our measure of light and love, of peace and good will, to the waiting multitude who are hungry for they know not what? Are we assuring them, through as many channels as we may, that *our* Christmas Gift is *theirs*—freely and fully theirs? Read the significant reports of our missionaries and note how we

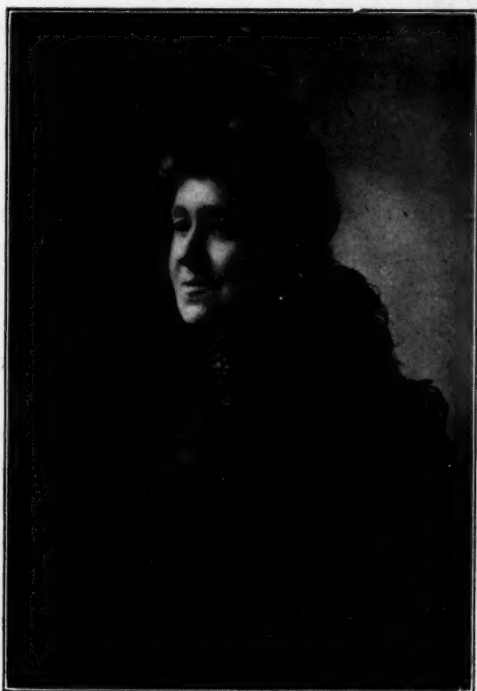
can help them help others. Let us read the Sunshine page with the interest of discovering how we can best pass on "good cheer." Interesting selections can be made from missionaries' stories of how they spend Christmas in India, for the December auxiliary meetings. The reports, this year, are so full of the things we want to know that we had not the heart to cut short the compilation of our Corresponding Secretary, in spite of the fact that our space is limited; and so other matter that sometimes appears in December has been omitted. . . . The Editor tries to serve you, all through the year; and the twelve numbers of the magazine constitute her report, for better or for worse. It is more difficult to give an outline of plans for 1907 than for any previous year, because we are meeting changed conditions; but we can safely say that the departments will be maintained as heretofore; that there will be a wider survey of our own and the world field; that we shall present a new and up-to-date map of our India field; more illustrations; and that timely articles on the

United Mission Study have been promised by well known writers, as well as on Storer College and other phases of work in which we have special interest. At the Conference of Foreign Mission Boards at Nashville, Tenn., one speaker emphasized "the immense importance of the place these [missionary] periodicals occupy in relation to the missionary life of the church." We will prayerfully endeavor to make the most of our message, our space and our opportunities. Will not you, dear friends, practically utilize the results, and pray that each one who has special care of *THE HELPER* may be inspired and directed to do the very best thing, in the best way, for the best good of our work? . . . A letter full of good news from Miss Coombs, several reports from local auxiliaries, and other matters of interest, are necessarily held over to the New Year. . . . Our President, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, is spending the winter at 46 Florence St., Worcester, Mass., and is busy with studies, church work, and attendance upon various lectures which are giving both pleasure and profit. . . . The Treasurer and Editor had the great privilege of attending the recent annual meeting of the Congregational Woman's Board of Missions, held in Portland, Me. The one topic chosen to run through all the sessions was Prayer and the Kingdom. The President called attention to the vital relationship of prayer and the history of missions. This relation must be sustained and strengthened if there is progress. It was an inspiration to hear missionaries tell the story of their own work in India, China, Turkey, Spain and the Islands of the Sea; and it was worth noting that they all had similar encouragements and discouragements; all made the same plea for more workers and more money. Their helps and hindrances, in a large way, are the same as ours, in a small way. It encourages us to know this. As we work with faith in our own field, we pray for more and more abundant blessing upon the magnificent work of the Congregational Woman's Board, and all others, everywhere, who are making such effort to carry life and light to the uttermost parts of the earth. . . . Dr. Mary Bacheler wrote in September, "We are having a great excitement, and the end is not yet, about a girl who wants to come out and be a Christian. She has taken the step and now we are housing her for a while. I hope she will prove a blessing. Pray for her, and for us that we may know what is the best thing to do in such cases, so that the individual may be blessed, and the community and friends not so far offended as to bring discredit on the work and workers."

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH

OF THE

International Sunshine Society



Mrs. John H. Teves, whose picture appears on our page this month, is a member of THE HELPER BRANCH, and is greatly interested in the general I. S. S. work. Through her earnest efforts the Sunshine Christmas Tree Association was formed, the object of which is to give Christmas gifts to 5,000 poor children, who would otherwise have no Christmas. This Xmas Association needs the help of every member. While many may not have leisure to do much, there is no reason why each cannot make at least one bag. These bags are intended to contain gifts for the children, are made of any cheap material, and should measure 17 by 19 inches when finished. Two thousand dolls will be given away (which will be dressed by local members.) There must be a fund for the purchase of a portion of these, so send in *your* mite, that we may have a part in this practical missionary work among the destitute children of New York city.

Our members are beginning to send in Xmas gifts to be passed on. A number of dainty articles and stamps for mailing came from a Portland worker. Three pretty mats and tidy from Mrs. Mary Parker; California views in a nutshell from Mrs. Lucy A. Hill; sixteen cents in stamps to pay postage on Christmas cheer, also a box of silk pieces

from Mrs. A. A. Fleisher. Four crib quilts, from Mrs. Jennie E. Boucher, one of which will be sent to the Blind Babies Home, the others to mothers who need this comfortable Xmas gift.

Mrs. May Kemp will send "little gifts of love" direct to three members. Mrs. J. F. Thurston, who is still very ill, having passed through months of great suffering writes, "I hope by Christmas to be able to do a little." May the true Yuletide rest on all and bring a blessing to each member.

OTHER SUNSHINE ACTS

Mrs. L. J. Rideout wrote a letter on her 76th birthday, which brought us the news of an active sunshine life; she has cheered many, is passing on THE HELPER regularly, and gave twenty cents for I. S. S. work. A letter from Miss Elizabeth A. Hunt also reports much good cheer done, such as caring for the sick, writing cheering letters, and giving pleasure to little children. Miss Helen Wentworth has given \$1.00 We are always thankful for gifts of money, as it helps us to scatter much sunshine.

Mrs. Ella M. Foss has remembered others with silk pieces, cards, letters, and is passing on *The Star*. Mrs. H. A. Ashley, who has been a member of our Branch almost from the beginning, sent a birthday offering and money for a badge. Mrs. B. A. Parker sent in the names of four friends for enrollment:—Mrs. Frank Roberts, Mrs. Betsey Allen, Mrs. Mary O. Johnson and Mrs. Valentine Meades, all of North Berwick, Maine.

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"With knowledge to supply the fuel, the Word and Spirit to add the spark, and prayer to fan the flame, missionary fires will be kindled, and souls will be set ablaze with holy zeal."



TOPICS FOR 1906-1907

October—Roll-call and Membership.

November—The Island World:

1. The Society, Hervey, Astral and Pearl Islands.

December—2. Samoa, Tonga and Micronesia.

January—3. The Hawaiian Islands.

February—Prayer and Praise.

March—Our Missions at Home.

April—4. Fiji, The New Hebrides and Melanesia.

May—Thank-Offering.

June—5. New Zealand, New Guinea and Malaysia.

July—6. The Philippines.

August—Missionary Field Day.

September—Native Christians, Their Work and Gifts.

JANUARY—The Hawaiian Islands

("Christus Redemptor." Chapter III.)

Suggestive Program

"The people of the United States are responsible for political conditions in Hawaii and the Philippines, and it is a part of our business in furthering the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth, that we be intelligently aware of present-day conditions in these island possessions."

SINGING.

SCRIPTURE READING—Isa. 9: 2-4.

PRAYER.

MAP DRILL ON LOCATION OF ISLANDS, size, comparative area, resources, climate and physical features; showing their importance because of their situation at the cross roads of the Pacific.

EXHIBIT UNITED STUDY PICTURES, 8, 9, 10 and 11 B.

PAPER OR TALK—The Native Race—its primitive condition, affiliations, social characteristics, superstitions, weaknesses and decline.

PAPER OR TALK—The Introduction of Christianity—difficulties, remarkable converts, political, social and educational reforms, work of the several denominations.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTIAN HEROINE KAPIOLANI.

THE STORY OF A MISSIONARY HERO, TITUS COAN. (Send to Mrs. Chapman for leaflet, price two cents.)

PRESENT CONDITIONS AND PROBLEMS IN HAWAII; discussion.

CLOSING PRAYER, for this people to whom we as a people are so closely bound.

HAWAIIAN SALUTATION, "*Aloha*"—"Love to you!"

REFERENCE—"The Transformation of Hawaii," by Belle M. Brain.

BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

Now is the time to send in orders for the Thank Offering boxes for members of auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society. Boxes are white, lettered in blue. There are enough for all. Only six more months before May, the Thank Offering month. The boxes are free for the postage, three cents per dozen.

Postage on the mite boxes for Junior societies is five cents per dozen. Send in your orders for these, also, and interest the Juniors to save their pennies.

A few more copies of Chundra Lela have been obtained at the same low price of 25 cents for cloth cover and 15 cents for paper. It is a very interesting account of a wonderful life—a good book for S. S. libraries as well as the home.

Do not forget the "Story of the Sinclairs," as told by Rev. Frederick L. Wiley, all the receipts from which go into the treasury of the F. B. W. M. S. Price 10 cents.

Has everybody who is interested, a copy of the History of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society? It contains portraits of many of the well known workers in the society from its beginning till the present time. Price, cloth, 70 cents; paper, 40 cents.

There are still plenty of supplies for the study of "Christus Redemptor," the Story of the Island World—Prices on fourth page of cover of September HELPER and page 310 of October HELPER. On orders for 10 or more copies of "Christus Redemptor," five cents off of catalog price.

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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society

MINUTES

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held at the Paige Street Free Baptist church, Lowell, Mass., pursuant to the following call, printed in the *Morning Star*, according to the Constitution:—

"The thirty-third annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the Paige Street Free Baptist church, Lowell, Mass., Thursday, Oct. 11, 1906, at 9 A. M. for the purpose of electing officers and such other business as may come before it.

"ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

"*Carolina, R. I. Sept. 11, 1906.*"

The president, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, presided.

Devotional service was led by Miss Minnie A. Mellows, Lawrence, Mass.

Report of the children's secretary, East, Mrs. M. W. Thomas, was read and accepted.

Report of the central secretary, Mrs. E. L. Worden, was read by Mrs. E. H. Roberts and accepted.

Report of the western secretary, Miss Elizabeth Kelso, was read by Mrs. G. C. Waterman and approved.

Report of the Cradle Roll superintendent, Mrs. Julia T. Mitchell, was read by Mrs. Laura E. Hartley and approved.

Report of the New England secretary, Mrs. A. B. Webber, was read and approved.

Report of finance committee, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, chairman, was read by Mrs. Emily A. Page and accepted.

Report of corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, was read and approved.

Report of treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, was read and approved.

Report of the Publisher of MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. E. H. Andrews, was read and approved.

Report of Bureau of Missionary Intelligence, Mrs. A. D. Chapman, was read and accepted.

Report of the Editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb, was read and accepted.

The records of the Board of Managers, were read and approved.

Report of children's work, West, was read by Mrs. S. C. G. Avery and accepted.

Notice of a change in the Constitution by substitution was announced as follows:—

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society to be called by the Recording Secretary or President, shall be held in August, September or October, at such time and place as the Recording Secretary or President may determine, the time and place being given in the *Morning Star*, two weeks successively, the last publication being at least five days before the time specified for holding said meeting, the Recording Secretary or President shall also call all special meetings in the same way.

THE BY-LAWS

Article I. Section 3, must be amended by striking out "of the Society, and,"

Adjourned to 2 P. M.

At 2 P. M. the society met according to adjournment.

Devotional service was conducted by Miss Emilie E. Barnes.

The president, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, was in the chair.

Mrs. Carrie A. Miles, a delegate from Iowa and other Western States, was introduced and spoke of her own work, also reported as delegate to the Y. W. C. Association meeting held at Waterloo, Iowa.

Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook was introduced and brought greetings, reading a beautiful poem written and sent by Mrs. E. B. Cheney of California. It was voted to send greetings to Mrs. Cheney.

The president's address was read and discussion followed.

The MISSIONARY HELPER was presented by Miss L. A. DeMeritte and pledges taken of three dollars each.

A communication was read from the National Council of Women, to which this society is auxiliary.

It was *voted*, That we recommend to auxiliaries through the HELPER the endorsement of State statutes which prohibit the employing of boys under sixteen years and girls under eighteen years.

Voted, That we endorse Equal Suffrage.

Voted, That we appoint a peace supervisor to whom all matters pertaining to this subject, coming from National Council of Women, may be referred.

Miss Ida M. Fullonton, Lewiston, Me., was appointed.

Voted, That the matter of supplying a president's proxy and delegate to the National Council of Women, be left with the Executive committee.

The report of the Publication committee was read by Mrs. F. S. Mosher and accepted.

Mrs. Cook was again presented and gave readings to the delight of the audience.

The officers were elected (See page 359)

Voted, That Mrs. Mary R. Wade be elected an honorary member of the Board of Managers.

Report of the Committee on Declarations and Resolutions was read by the chairman, Mrs. A. D. Chapman, and adopted.

It was *voted*, That the chair appoint three as a committee of Resolutions and five as a committee on Nominations.

Adjourned to 7.30.

At 7.30 the society met according to adjournment.

The president, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. Kenyon, Lowell, Mass.

Anthem by the choir.

Address, "Our India," Miss Emilie E. Barnes, Balasore, India.
Solo.

Address, "Mission Work in the Shenandoah," Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook, Washington, D. C.

The silver necklet was awarded by Miss L. A. DeMeritte to the State of New Hampshire.

The president named as committee on Resolutions the following:—Mrs. Ethel E. Demeritt, Dover, N. H.; Mrs. L. V. Jordan, Ocean Park, Me.; Mrs. M. W. Thomas, Saco, Me.

Committee on Nominations:—Mrs. A. P. Tilley, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. S. L. Brown, Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. Emma Boothby, Lewiston, Me.; Miss L. F. Sanborn, Manchester, N. H.; Miss Ida M. Fullonton, Lewiston, Me.

A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Annie Brooks, Portland, Me., for her kindness to our missionary, Miss Emilie E. Barnes and for necessary work in preparing articles to be sent to India.

Benediction, Rev. A. E. Kenyon.

Adjourned,

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

BIRTHDAY GREETING

1836—1906

I'm seventy years old today, today,
I am seventy years old today.

I stand on the height
Where I see the light,
That shines from the far-away.

Weary in body, but stalwart in soul,
I am seventy years old today.
Clear through the mists I can outline the goal,
For I'm seventy years old today.

One talent, so small,
But used at His call,
—For to Him I dared not say "Nay,"—
Little seeds sown,
Some truths made known,
These brighten this natal day.

I feel like a victor, by faith not sight,
Now I'm seventy years old today.
In the valley of conflict, how earnest the fight,
When we warred in the thick of the fray!
But, I'm seventy years old today.

The path, it was steep and rugged the way;
But the wild rose waved with the soft wind's play
In the darkness, afar
Gleamed the evening star,
And, oh! seventy years old today.

There was never a chasm, so dark or deep,
But light streamed in from above;
There was never a pathway, so rough or steep,
But a hand was reached down in love.
Now I'm seventy years old today.

The wearisome climb is almost past,
For I'm seventy years old today.
There are glimpses of heaven's rest, at last,
Yes, I'm seventy years old today.

A wave of the hand to comrades, so true!
Come on. The climb? Yes, but then there's the view,
The valley of conflict is softened by mist.
The peaks beyond gleam bright, sun-kissed.
Glad I'm seventy years old today.

A little more work, a little more play,
A little more scaling of heights on the way,
Then fulness of joy;
Then heavenly employ;
Then life not measured by day.
But I'm seventy years old today.

EMELINE A. BURLINGAME CHENEY.

Hollywood, California, September 22, 1906.

DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The thirty-third year of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society has closed with a substantial gain in general receipts and Thank-offerings with general signs of prosperity in the home and foreign work, and with marked spiritual advancement in the India field; for all these conditions, gratitude to our Heavenly Father is due. We rejoice that the MISSIONARY HELPER has gained in subscriptions through the interest with which its friends have rallied to its support. With prayerful interest the F. B. W. M. S. undertakes to do its part in carrying out the Plan, with its conditions, which General Conference and this society have agreed upon, with the hope that it will greatly increase the efficiency of the missionary work of the denomination.

In view of the needs growing out of old and new conditions alike, the F. B. W. M. S. asks for a careful reading and loyal support of the following suggestions and plans:

1. We reaffirm the plan of appealing to our constituency for pledges of five subscribers to the MISSIONARY HELPER for a term of three years, or for pledges of three dollars each year, paying yearly until otherwise notified. We commend the Open Letter of Mrs. E. H. Andrews in the MISSIONARY HELPER of October, regarding this plan, and urge that it be widely circulated for the purpose of getting these pledges for subscribers or the money.

2. While heartily appreciating the endorsement of our auxiliary work by the Board of General Conference, all should recognize that now is the time to begin a vigorous campaign for new auxiliaries, urging as an inducement to their formation that through them the work of General Conference and Storer College can be greatly benefited. To this end we call upon State Auxiliaries to set in operation such plans as will increase the number of local auxiliaries, also Cradle Roll and advanced Light Bearers organizations.

3. The present relations with General Conference call for greater care in specifying how the gifts of individuals and auxiliaries shall be used. State societies are especially requested to see that it shall be carefully specified by their treasurers how the money intended by them for the salary of missionaries whom they support shall be used. The same rule applies to all gifts for the support of children, teachers, Bible women, widows, schools and kindergarten work.

4. Ever and always we need for our own sakes, as well as for the work's sake, to take time to observe the Quiet Hour of ten o'clock, going into the Silence so deeply that body, mind and spirit may be invigorated, and we be better able to respond to God's will, the doing of which brings to pass all things needful.

We hereby instruct our Executive Committee to prepare a letter embodying the foregoing declarations with any suggestions they may wish to make, to be printed in the MISSIONARY HELPER for January, with the urgent request that it be read in the midwinter Quarterly meetings, associations and conferences.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That the propaganda of those organizations belonging to the National Council of Women relating to Peace and Arbitration; Child Labor (as applied to girls under eighteen and boys under sixteen); and Equal Suffrage, receive the hearty support of the National Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, and that we pledge ourselves to support the same in our respective communities, whenever opportunity is open.

Resolved, That we deplore the growing lawlessness in certain sections of our country that leads to mob violence. Especially do we appeal to women's organizations everywhere to use their influence in condemnation of this terrible evil, to the end that we rely upon the strength of our laws to punish transgression of law; that we recoil from the shedding of innocent blood lest future generations be cursed by the iniquity of their fathers.

Resolved, That the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society in annual session at Lowell, Mass., Oct. 10—11, 1906, received with great pleasure the message from our dear sister, Mrs. Emeline Burlingame Cheney, and that we return to her our love and sincere wish for her continued happiness and helpfulness.

Resolved, That we tender the ladies of the Paige St. Free Baptist church, Lowell, Mass., our sincere thanks for their cordial welcome and the many courtesies extended to us as their guests during this annual meeting.

CORALIE FRANKLIN COOK,
AMELIA DEWEY CHAPMAN,
LAURA E. HARTLEY.

Committee.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Home Field

Storer College, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia—Teachers supported wholly or in part by the F. B. W. M. S.: Mrs. Lura B. Lightner, Preceptress; Mrs. Elizabeth M. McDonald, Miss Ella V. Smith, Miss Mary E. Brady, Miss Eliza Sims, Miss Virgie Brown and Miss Brown's assistant. Miss Brady reports an unusually busy year. Her classes have been practically the same as in previous years. She speaks of the great privilege, so often enjoyed in the afternoons and evenings, of listening

to excellent talks and lectures by men and women of wide experience, her only regret being that there were not more boys and girls attending school, to partake of these blessings. In the increased numbers the past year and the favorable outlook for the coming year, the earnest prayers of the teachers are being answered, that in some way more of the young people may be induced to attend school. In the sewing department, under Miss Sims, there were seventeen dresses, thirty-five shirt waists and a large number of aprons and undergarments made by the different classes. The senior girls worked hard and faithfully in the sewing room as well as in other departments. These girls with the juniors and some post-graduates, made twenty Commencement gowns. This work is especially gratifying because the graduating dress is no longer a cause for complaint. Some of the models by the lower classes were very good; these classes showing great interest in the work. During the year some baskets and hats were made from raffia and it is hoped more of this work may be done the coming year. This department is still without the cabinet furnishings asked for a year ago, such as pins, needles, buttons of different kinds, from the raw materials to the finished product. Cotton and flax from seed to thread and cloth; silk and wool, from cocoon and time of shearing, through all processes of manufacture until the finished product is in the hand of the consumer. It would also be a great help to the department to have about a dozen small dress forms.

Owing to the increased industrial facilities and the necessity of so adjusting the normal work as to leave time for the industrial, without hindrance or detriment to either course, Miss Smith has made this year one of the busiest, to both teacher and pupil, in the history of the school. The many good things received were evidences that God was hearing and answering prayer. The fine lecture course that has been established is not only one of the most interesting features of the school, but one of its greatest blessings. The teachers who have sometimes gone through the entire year without hearing a single lecture, greatly appreciate this feature.

How the eyes were gladdened when the new furniture for Myrtle Hall began to arrive! The matron will experience great delight as she takes her girls into their pretty new rooms. It is believed that more of civilizing and refining can be accomplished through the medium of neat, comfortable homes than through books. There are few girls who are willing to go back to a life of dirt and disorder after spending six or eight months in a room prettily furnished and nicely kept. The work of inspecting the girls' rooms each day has been rather an unpleasant task, because the rooms were in such poor condition, it was very hard to keep them trim and tidy; but now that they have been newly plastered and frescoed, with pretty iron bedsteads, nice mattresses and the rest of the furniture in thorough repair, the work of inspection will be easy and agreeable. There were among the girls a few Christian workers, and

with the help of these a weekly prayer meeting in Myrtle Hall was sustained. Though the meetings were seldom largely attended, it is believed they did much spiritual good. There were fifty-eight girls in the hall during the year. Every room was occupied and each teacher had a girl sleeping in her room. Miss Smith's regular classes were five in number, but she gave six extra hours a week to classes that were making up work. The social functions of the school were well conducted and of a refined character. Storer College is doing a great work, not only within the radius from which she draws her pupils, but also through these pupils, her influence is felt on the western prairie and in the sunny South; nay, even "Where Afric's sunny fountains roll down their golden sands," the hand of this dear old mother school has reached out, touching with her cooling fingers the fevered brow of heathendom, causing light and hope to illumine the countenance that was black with ignorance and despair. Truly Paul may plant and Appolos may water, but God giveth the increase. Today we plant the seeds of honesty, sobriety, cleanliness, truthfulness and purity; tomorrow the students, by individual effort, by personal contact in the battle of life, by hard won victories, will water the fields; and the next day, standing in the portals of glory and looking through eternity, we shall behold the glorious harvest.

Mrs. McDonald expresses satisfaction concerning the results of the year's work. She speaks of the improvements in comfort and appearance in the dormitories, made possible through the gifts of friends, and the increased facilities for accomplishing more and better work in the other departments. Her classes have been much the same as in the year past. The relations between teacher and pupils have been very pleasant.

Mrs. L. B. Lightner reports as follows: The school year that has just passed was one of unusual prosperity. Teacher and pupil can look over it with satisfaction and pleasure. In summing up the usefulness of an institution of learning one is inclined to consider only the graduates. Behind these is a vast army of less favored ones, who were unable to complete the course, who count the few months spent in school as the most precious of their lives, and regret only that the time was so short. It is from many of these our school finds its strongest support. They send their friends and children to us. Two applications have come the past week from different counties on the Virginia coast. I cannot forbear quoting from one. It is the kind of a letter that goes to my heart: "I write to ask if there will be work for a boy of eighteen near the school. Please give him as much care as possible. I would like for him to get what I didn't get. I know you will do all that is in your power. If you will just look after him as we were looked after, I will not have any fear for him. I still feel the mother love that you extended toward me. I do wish I could come and see dear old Storer and friends once more. But I have two little children and much farm work." It is to places like these that we like to send books, papers and pictures.

The outlook for the coming year is bright. The new furnishings are a great advertisement. The thoughts of many young people are turning towards Storer. We confidently expect to see a large number of new faces among the familiar ones on opening day. The work of Storer has but just begun. There is an open door of usefulness to a field never dreamed of by the founders. Do you, my friends, see it as I do, and have you the faith and courage to enter in? Standing as it does at the gateway to the great South, it is to be an interpreter between the North and the South—a harmonizer of discordant elements. It is to be a great object lesson, showing how things declared impossible may be done in a safe, conservative way. If Storer College has ever stood for anything valuable, that one thing has been the formation of Christian character, the only sure foundation for any life. If we cannot give our pupils all we wish or all that they desire, we can help them to possess within themselves the best things. When those we have reached have been inspired to lead others, and they in turn have extended the helping hand to still greater numbers, many vexed questions will have settled themselves. Every people has its class of neglected, unfortunate and vicious ones. It is such as these that are blocking the way to a condition of peace and confidence. They must be reached by missionaries and teachers. There are many faithful workers in the churches. Many more are needed. The missionary spirit must be encouraged. We must meet the issues of the day in a candid manner. We must "be wise as serpents and harmless as doves;" we cannot close our eyes to facts. There are grave problems to be solved. They cannot be worked out in a day. The key is in the hands of the great middle class of silent workers, of the industrious, self-respecting majority—the bone and sinew of any nation. It is to increase this class that we strive. In them is our hope for the future.

India Field

MIDNAPORE.

MISSIONARIES: Mary W. Bachelor, M. D., Miss Ella M. Butts, Miss Lavina C. Coombs.

Dr. Bachelor reports:

The children's meeting has been an important part of the Sunday work, because it has changed so much since the new year came in. Nearly all of the older children, whom I had in a separate class for Bible study, have been baptised and joined the church, so the meeting is much smaller; only the younger children come, as the older ones now go to the preaching service. The attendance from 33 has dropped to less than 20. These children are another generation, so I have commenced at the beginning with them. They are learning the books of the Bible, the Psalms, the creed, and every now and then something to sing. We have some

charming books of songs with notes, that Rev. William Carey has translated and put together. If you hear of any Sunday school that is specially interested in Midnapore, and wants to do something for us, won't you ask them to send us the picture rolls for next year? Not Cooks, please, but the *very best*. (Sunday schools please take notice.—S. C. G. A.)

Medical Work. It is difficult to make a record that will at all suggest the rush and business and intensity of the work as it has passed through one's hands, day after day and week after week; never just the same, always new, always interesting—though there have been days when one could wish there were a little less of it, when the heat has been overpowering, or perhaps when a rain that seemed an effectual screen behind which other work might be attended to, proved no barrier to patients coming and interrupting the busy one who would fain "catch up" in some other department.

The figures may tell some of the story. They are for the year ending the 30th of June, 1906. Dispensary open 279 days; number of individual patients (about) 1600; whole number of treatments, 5,191; number of visits paid, 633.

The continued generosity of a friend in Maine (would there were many more like him!) provides the Dispensary with a preacher-druggist and a colporteur. The former, Umase Chundra Rai, son of Rev. Mohesh Chundra Rai, one of our first native preachers in this district, comes in the morning soon after the Dispensary is opened, and when I have seen the patients and written in the record book what each one is to have, he or I talks to them and their friends. After this he takes the tickets and puts up and gives out the medicines, and, sometimes an arduous task, collects the "pice!" Often he talks about a leaflet he holds in his hand, and afterward he gives tracts to all who can read or who have any one at home who can read. Occasionally someone discusses, and tries to break up the interest, but usually all listen with respectful attention, and take the tracts and leaflets with eagerness and pleasure.

Sometimes pupils of the Zenana work come to the Dispensary, and when I know this I usually call Miss Coombs to come in and see and speak with them. This always seems to please them greatly. One morning I was talking with a woman and when she told me she was a Zenana pupil, I said, "Then you know about Jesus?" "Oh, yes," she replied, and her face lighted up with pleasure, and then we spoke a little of Him.

Ononta Das Ghose, the colporteur, brings his diary each month, and tells me where he has been and how many tracts and leaflets he has distributed. During the year ending the 30th of June, 1906, he distributed 5,484 tracts and leaflets. I think he is careful to whom he gives them—only to those who will read them. He meets the common people at their farm work, or as they go and come, and talks to them, and if they will accept it, gives them something to read and ponder. The most he has

ever given on any one day was 300. This was at a big festival in honor of the journey of Jaganath's car.

Some of the trains running between Midnapore and Calcutta stop at many small stations, and this makes it easy for Ononta to attend some of the local markets, where each week people gather to buy and sell. These markets vary in size, some calling together only two or three hundred, while the attendance at others amounts to thousands. Ononta has visited some of these villages during the year, and reported a good time; the people received him and his message and were glad to take the reading matter he gave them.

Sometimes when it has not been convenient for Ononta to go far, either on account of rainy weather or indisposition, he has gone to the courts which are not far away, and where he is always sure of finding a good many people, some of them from a distance. Many are eager to take his wares. One week he went to the courts every day, and gave away nearly 700 tracts and leaflets. He was surprised at the eagerness of some and asked if no one had ever been to their village with such literature. "No," said they, "we have never heard about this before, nor seen anything of this kind."

Sometimes when converts from Hinduism are asked what first turned their thoughts toward Christianity, they answer that it was the reading of a tract or leaflet given out by some occasional itinerant. When we remember this, we cannot help wondering how many of these that Ononta gives out so freely, each one telling the story in some form of Jesus and His love, will bring results. This we cannot know, ours only to heed the command, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." And to remember, for our encouragement, the promise, "My word * * * shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Miss Butts' report:

Hindu Schools At present there are fourteen of these Hindu schools, either supported or aided by mission funds, supplemented by grants from the local Government. Three girl's schools and two boy's schools are within the Municipality of Midnapore, and two others are just outside the limits of the Municipality. These seven schools are called "town schools," in distinction from the remaining seven "country schools" which are distant from four to twenty-four miles from our Mission premises. These schools are all known as Lower and Upper Primary, but they are ungraded in the sense usually understood by that term. The Lower Primary course, as laid down by the Educational Department, embraces the first five years of a child's school-life, but comparatively few children satisfactorily complete the course in less than six or seven

years. The U. P. schools 'add a two years' course to that of the L. P. Each school has but one teacher, who must teach all classes from the alphabet on to the highest. It is almost impossible to get the teachers to unite the smaller pupils in regular classes; each pupil reads by himself. There are many necessary and more unnecessary absences, and the progress is generally slow, though there are some very bright boys, and girls too. An American teacher would despair, attempting to teach under conditions existing here. The best teacher I have, who is considered by the Government Inspectors as one of the very best Primary teachers in Midnapore, holds his school on the veranda of his own mud-walled house. He has a daily average of 50 pupils, who sit close together in two long rows facing each other. One row sit with their backs to the earth wall of the house, the other have their backs to the low wall built along the outer edge of the veranda. There is barely room for the teacher to walk between the rows. The pupils go out into the street for their "drill." There is no room for furniture. In the room opening from the veranda, lighted only by the door, he keeps a little table, a chair and a box containing a few kindergarten materials. On the outside wall is a 32 by 22 inch blackboard and a colored chart, showing a variety of natural objects. The benches are the pine boxes in which the Standard Oil Company ships its oil. On the wall there are several Scripture texts. Most of the boys attending this school are sons of poor parents, as indeed, is true of all these schools.

For the girls' school having the most advanced pupils, I have had a blackboard four feet by three feet made and hung in a frame. None of the other schools have blackboards, though I am hoping to get two more soon. Should be very glad if some one would make a donation for this special purpose.

Since my last report was written old Modhu Das, who had been a teacher in mission employ for more than thirty years, died at his home in Salgadia. He was the last of a company of converts forty years ago by Dr. O. R. Bachelier and Dr. Phillips. Some of their children and grandchildren are among our best workers. Old Modhu's widow is the eldest sister of the excellent Bible woman, Miriam of Balasore, and it was their father who obtained that Oriya Gospel of Matthew, which was the means of his conversion and through him of the others of that company. (See *Missionary Reminiscences*, pages 272—277.)

The Palasbani school has been taught by the same Christian man for the past twelve years. There are only two Christian families in the vicinity. Sometimes there are Hindu, Mohammedan and Santal boys, besides the teacher's three Christian boys in this school. One Santal boy, after passing the L. P. examination, went to the Bhimpore Mission Training School, and we hoped he would complete the course, and become a Christian, too, as he had seemed to accept the Christian teaching while in the Palasbani school. His mother died, and there was no one

left who took any interest in his going to school any more; indeed, his father and older half-brothers spent so much time in drinking the rice-toddy, which is the curse of the Santals, that it was necessary for this boy to stay at home to work. But he still comes to talk with his Christian teacher and utterly refuses to worship idols or demons, or to drink the vile rice liquor. We are praying that he may have courage to come out boldly and confess Christ.

All the town schools assembled in our compound for the usual Christmas exercises and treat. Each school had some part. The girls, decked in their brightest *saris*, and many of them loaded with all the family ornaments, made a gay picture. They sang very well the sweet hymns the Christian teachers had taught them, and a number of the older girls recited poetry on Christian themes. One favorite poem is entitled "The Old, Old Story." This was recited by four little girls. The boys of one school recited long passages of Scripture about the birth and life of Jesus. A dialog, "Why we celebrate Christmas with joy," was well rendered by two other boys. It was much like a S. S. concert. The boys of one school gave a fine drill exercise, and finally our good Bengali pastor, Rev. S. M. Rai, gave a short but very practical address, after which the Christmas bags were distributed. Besides a little packet of dates and another of peanuts, each bag contained a picture scrap-book (sent out from home), a tiny fancy tin box or some other trinket, also a lead pencil for the older pupils and slate pencils for the smaller ones. Each pupil who could read was given a booklet, "The Prince of Peace," in the Bengali language.

In all the schools the usual memorizing of the Bible catechism, the Temperance catechism, selected portions of the Psalms, Proverbs, Gospels and hymns has been continued. On his monthly visits, the Christian inspector examines the pupils in these subjects and notes progress. When a class has completed either one of the catechisms, the teacher brings the pupils to me for a final examination. Those completing the Bible catechism receive a prize of four annas (eight cents) either in cash or books as they choose, and those completing the Temperance catechism receive six annas. They must always learn the Bible Catechism first.

During the cool season, when I went to visit the schools at a distance, I several times took with me our good Bible woman, Ramoni, who went from house to house singing and talking to the women while I was examining the school and talking to the fathers and older brothers of the pupils, who always gather around to listen to what the foreign lady has to say. I always take a large quantity of tracts and leaflets on such trips, and picture cards for the school children, or a little Bengali paper with a picture on the first page. When passing through other villages, on the way, children often come running after my cart, holding out their hands and begging for a picture or paper. When they are all given out and I tell them I have no more, they still run on, sometimes a whole mile,

begging for a picture or leaflet. Dear friends, pray often and earnestly that the seed sown in these schools, and scattered here and there by the printed page, may spring up and bear a bountiful harvest of souls, redeemed from sin and ignorance unto eternal life.

Bible School. When the Bible School is in session I have a daily class, five days in the week, for the wives of the married students. At present there are eight of these young women. All the children come with the mothers, and the only way to secure a quiet time for the lesson is to employ a woman to look after and amuse the children during the class hour. I give her a box of playthings, some picture scrapbooks, and bits of bread, and she takes the babies to a veranda which can be quite shut off from the room in which the mothers are sitting, otherwise they would be continually running back and interrupting the lesson. Frequently a child refuses to be amused and cries so loudly that its mother can give no attention to the lesson until she goes and brings back her baby. It is impossible to secure the regular attendance of all the women for various reasons.

All of them belong to the second or third generation of Christians; but, although in many respects far in advance of the average Hindu woman, they are still very ignorant in regard to many of the fundamental principles which ought to govern a Christian woman in the discharge of her daily duties, especially those relating to the discipline and moral training of children. They are very fond of their children, but have little self-control or judgment, consequently any act of a child which angers the mother, although committed with no intention or sense of wrong-doing, brings swift punishment in severe scolding or blows, while far graver faults, which do not excite the mother's temper are entirely overlooked or excused. "But how could I ever punish my child if I were not angry?" said one woman to me when I told her she should never punish a child when angry. One principle which I have most earnestly and prayerfully tried to instill is, never to lie to their children or deceive them in any way, either by making threats which they would never dream of executing, or promising rewards which they never intend to bestow. All admitted that they were guilty in this respect, and acknowledged that it was wrong, but I feared that habit and mental indolence would prove stronger than their good resolutions of amendment. A few days ago, when something in the lesson brought this subject up again, I was much pleased to hear one little woman say, "Since you talked to us about this, I have several times been just going to utter a false threat or promise, but remembering your teaching I have kept back such words," and I thanked God and took courage to go on giving "precept upon precept, here a little and there a little." By the way, the woman who made this encouraging remark, is a niece of Mrs. Rachel (Das) Bose, who sometimes sends a letter to the HELPER from her distant home in the far northwest of India.

Besides the Bible, we have used as a textbook a most admirable little book of 160 pages translated from English into Bengali by an educated Christian Bengali lady whom we know well. There are twelve chapters, each beginning with the story of some woman mentioned in the Bible, and from these stories, as texts, most important and practical lessons are drawn, touching almost every possible phase of woman's duties and responsibilities. The first chapter is entitled "The woman who touched the hem of His garment," and the keynote of strong faith and deep spirituality struck in this chapter is maintained throughout the book. This book has been a great help to me in teaching the women, and I trust they will treasure it all their lives.

Miss Coombs' report:

A report of my year's work in India will go back only to November, as I arrived in Calcutta the 9th of that month and found that our Yearly Meeting was in session at Balasore, where I arrived the 11th, in time to greet and be greeted by all the missionaries, and to have one day of the meetings. Then back to Midnapore to our renovated and remodelled "Henderson Home," with the "Brown Dispensary" in one part of it.

I had thought I might go out in country evangelistic work during the cold season months, but found Dr. Mary away at the Hills to recuperate from a severe illness, and on her return it was quite evident she should be relieved from the double burden she had been carrying, so I at once took over the Zenana work which has been in my care since the first of December. I found the number of pupils had increased somewhat, having had about 230 under instruction during the year, although only about 180 on the roll, at any one time, and their average daily attendance only about 115.

I found a few changes among the teachers. Emily, one of the best, having been afflicted with a mild form of insanity, had to be dropped; Sara, a long-time worker, disabled by increasing years and constantly recurring fever, had been discontinued, and these places had been filled by others. In April of this year Ludia, the eldest of them all, in fact, quite an old woman, died of pneumonia, and only this month the young woman whom I had obtained to take her place, died after a very short illness. The question of how to renew our teaching staff is a puzzling one. The most of them have been in the work for years, and must inevitably be nearing the time when they must give it up. Still, we have been provided for in our sorest straits and we must trust for the future, while at the same time we "keep our powder dry."

That big box of things, sent in response to the notice in the *Star* and *HELPER* before I left home, helped out beautifully at Christmas time, both for bags and contents.

We didn't have to make bags for anybody, as the five hundred and more in the box, sufficed for the Christian Christmas tree, the Zenana pu-

pils in their homes and for those of the Hindu schools who came to our veranda on New Year's Day.

The Week of Prayer in January lengthened into months of prayer, and culminated the last of March in Revival Meetings in which many of our people, young and old, received new conceptions of Christianity, and new life and power by which to exemplify these conceptions. Some of our Zenana teachers received such a blessing they were not content to enjoy it by themselves but were eager to tell others about it. At that time our work was done in the morning, because of the great heat through the middle of the day, and they would return from their work, prepare the noon meal, and, after the sun had become a little less fierce, would visit the villages nearby, or some of our own nominal Christians who had been untouched by the meetings, and tell them of Jesus' power and willingness to save, or sing the new hymns which had been such a help to themselves. Sometimes some of the school teachers joined them. After vacation, when I wanted a Bible woman to go with our faithful Romoni, whose eyesight is nearly gone, one of these women was ready to take up this evangelistic work permanently.

In Dr. Mary's report, last year, she tells of a widow (a former Zenana pupil) who left her people and came to us and was taken to a convert's home not far from Calcutta. She has since been baptized and is going on with her studies, and we hope she may yet be one of the teachers for whom we are looking. The fact of her coming to us affected the Zenana work in that neighborhood, for several of the pupils stopped reading, and that teacher's work became very light, for a time; but gradually other pupils called her, and now she has nearly her old number.

Since returning, this time, I have attended to the Zenana work in the forenoon only, trying to go every day though sometimes other duties intervene and a day is skipped. Saturday is reserved for household duties, in the forenoon, and the Teachers' Bible Class, in the afternoon, which has been very interesting this year. I find it takes a long time to get around to all the pupils, for to examine each one in her secular studies, then in the Catechism, attended with explanations and possibly arguments, and then a hymn or two through which to preach the Gospel, takes a long time at one house, and I can get to but few pupils in a half day, so it will be three months or longer, before I get around and am ready to begin over again. Their delight in hymns is remarkable, and their understanding of them and the storing of them in their memory is wonderful. "What shall I sing today?" or "Do you remember what I sang last time?" will call forth the response, "Jesus the Best Wealth," or "Where shall I go but to Jesus?" and one woman said, "Sing that one that said, 'If I call on Him in sincerity all my sin and fear will flee away.'"

On my return, I found the posts I had occupied formerly, in church and Sabbath School, so well filled by others I declined to be reinstated and took up something of outside work in a little Santal Sun-

day school, and a weekly prayermeeting in a village some distance from the church. The children urged the re-opening of their Band of Hope, so now we have our weekly meetings again. My election as corresponding Secretary of the National W. C. T. U. brought extra work which I hope to pass on to some one else at the next National Convention in February.

BALASORE.

MISSIONARIES: Miss J. J. Scott, Miss Emilie E. Barnes, Miss M. E. Dawson, Miss R. D. Bomsvetsch, Shirley H. Smith, M. D.

Miss Scott reports:

The work among the Zenana women has been unusually interesting the past year. Many of the pupils have made good progress in their studies, and many new homes have been opened by myself and teachers. I think if one of you were to become my guest for a few days and go out with me to visit the homes of some of my pupils and see for yourself something of the daily work, you would get a much better idea than from any explanation of conditions, so different from anything in the home countries. Taking it for granted that some one is willing to do so, we will get ready, leaving my house at 11 a. m. It being the rainy season, when a well protected conveyance is necessary, we will find it most comfortable to use the big bullock garrie which will take us and the teachers to the various centers of work. Our destination is Sumnath, three miles away, and, as the bullocks travel slowly, considerable time is spent on the way; but, even if it has rained in the meantime, we arrive dry at the lane where our work begins. On reaching the first house we find the door barred on the inside, but after being told who is knocking, a servant opens the door, and we are told to wait until she calls the pupils, who may be eating, etc. Usually the end of a mud veranda, near the cow shed, is the place allotted for the teacher and her pupils, as that can be more easily purified after she is gone than any other part of the house. A sack or piece of matting put on the doorstep is her seat; but since a stranger is with her today, quite a stir is made in the house to find a chair or box that will give her the seat of honor. After waiting some time the pupils in the house appear, having changed their clothes and put on their ornaments; the native teacher, meanwhile, has gone to the houses, nearby, and brought in several others until there is a class of six, reading Oriya and Bengali books from the 1st standard on to the 4th. All are bright, intelligent young women, but most of them have been married for years and have several children. After the secular lessons have all been examined and the date of the examination marked at each lesson, we have a general Bible lesson. All of the pupils either read the Bible or "The Life of Christ," except those who can only read a little. Then they memorize a portion of the catechism which they repeat to me. The Bible lesson is listened to very attentively by the pupils and

others who have come, and some show plainly by their questions and answers that they have more than a head knowledge of the things concerning the Kingdom of God. All the pupils buy their own books, and some keep them very carefully, passing them down from one to another in the family. Our "visitor," who has had to sit quietly by without understanding much of the lessons, has been an object of interest all the time; and now the lessons are over, she is questioned in regard to many things. She is offered *pan*, a courtesy they never forget to strangers, and made to feel that her visit has been appreciated. We have five other houses to visit, some with only one pupil, but the same methods are followed. When we have finished the work for the day, fourteen pupils have been visited. We are grateful the rain has kept off so as to allow us to go from house to house dry, and have not been obliged to remove our shoes and stockings to return through the lane. The regular Zenana Missionary is accustomed to such things, but a visitor would scarcely appreciate it. As we get into the garrie and start for home we are tired but pleased that day by day there are opportunities of doing work for our Master in so many heathen homes. I visit 230 pupils about once a month in this way, and all have a lesson from the native teacher three times every week. Our visitor is well pleased with the apparent ability of the teacher who has gone with us (of course she cannot speak with her in her own language), but is greatly surprised at the want of comfort, not to mention luxury, in the Zenana portion, or women's quarters in the houses, but it is the custom of the people even in wealthy houses, and customs change slowly in this country. Of course the women have their expensive *saris* and ornaments which they delight to look at and show to their friends, and wear on special occasions; some may be unhappy, and feel the restraints of their well nigh prison life, but most have learned from their infancy that such is their destiny, and accept it all patiently, while those who have a husband whom they can serve and children whom they can love, consider themselves highly favored. When they come to know Him who has loved them with such a wonderful love, and who is now seeking after them, with what love and devotion they will return His love! As we talk of these things, we pray that the Holy Spirit may bless some word spoken that day, and win some soul for Christ. Next day we arrange with our visitor to go out to see some of the work in the Hindu Girls' Schools. It will be impossible to go out to Remna as the road, very bad at any time, is next to impassable now, so we start for Permit Ghat, which is likewise three miles off. We reach there about midday and find the classes in full swing with a considerable amount of sound coming out of the school-house, which is a mud walled building with a thatched roof, divided into two rooms. There are several windows in each room and the air is fresher than in most zenanas, even with an attendance of 40 children, some of whom are not over clean. All the larger girls sit on forms, and we can have chairs to sit on, while each class can come out and stand round the center table while they recite their lessons. Naturally our vis-

itor is struck with the bright, intelligent faces of the children, and the easy way in which they answer questions on the lessons, and when we come to the Bible lesson and she hears them repeat almost correctly, all the texts from the Sunday School lessons for the year, she feels as if it might be possible for these girls from heathen homes to compete with girls of their age in Christian lands; but the sad part to her, as to us, is to know that in a short time their school days will be over, and all of them shut in to share the fate of the women we visited on the previous day. Many of them are already married, and it shows what progress has been made on educational and emancipation lines, to find such girls in attendance at a public school. As we have another school to visit this afternoon, we must hurry on, as the distance is considerable between the schools. We arrive there and find the teachers and pupils rather dull, possibly somewhat tired like ourselves; however, they all brighten up when they see a stranger, and go through their lessons creditably. The visitor is chiefly interested in the Kindergarten drill and other work done by the little ones, and the sewing done by the older girls. They can likewise repeat many scripture texts, and are very fond of singing Christian hymns. Our visitor receives many smiling "Namaskars" from the children, when we leave the schools, and as we return home, we leave her to her own thoughts regarding the work done in Balasore amongst Hindu and Mohammedan women and girls, and some day in the near future she may herself be constrained to take up the work, or be so successful in interesting others in it as to be able to induce some one to go as her substitute.

Bible classes and other lines of work have gone on successfully during the year, and the teachers generally have been good and faithful. Some of them are having a very hard time, just now, with their big families and everything so dear. One feels as if it would be only just to increase their salaries; but, as a rule, they are brave and do not complain, and their homes show a measure of comfort and cleanliness not found amongst the average heathen working classes.

Miss Bomvetsch's report:

The Kindergarten. The past year has been one of "tender mercies and loving kindness." At the request of the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society in America, an application was made to the Director of Public Instruction for a Government Grant-in-aid for the Teachers' Training School and Kindergarten. The European Government Inspector of Schools consequently paid a visit to both departments and "strongly recommended the grant" which was subsequently sanctioned with effect from Jan. 1, 1906. To meet the requirements of the Government Code the New Syllabus had to be introduced. This necessitated some changes in the organization of the school, as well as the studies and occupations of the children. These innovations exacted hard work on the part of both teachers and pupils, which last, however, was

made as light as possible for them. The results of annual examination were satisfactory. The children, with few exceptions, passed and were promoted to higher standards. Twelve of our pupils joined the Primary classes connected with the Boys' High School and the Girls' Middle Vernacular Day School. This reduced our roll number to 62. However, during the early months, 15 new children were admitted and we close the year with 77 on the rolls. The Teachers' Training Class increased from 10 to 14, four being taken on as pupil teachers only. The last mentioned are young girls who are expected to attend the Training Classes without any remuneration. One of the students, after completing her studies, returned to her home at Ujurda and is engaged in teaching the little ones in the Mission school of her native village. We received another blessing this year in a true revival of the mighty workings of God's Spirit. Three of our teachers "who were afar off, are become nigh by the blood of Christ." "The whole house, where we sit," seems to be filled with an almost mysterious resurrection spirit. The power of the Life of Jesus seems, day by day, to be pervading all. May we not acknowledge every divine blessing as a special answer to the prayerful support "at home" which surrounds us continually, and may it not call forth more and more the sympathy and co-operation of all "who are His?" The fervent supplication of the righteous has much favor.

Dr. Shirley Smith's Report:

Christian Girls' Day School. A number of changes have been made in the school since last year. In December Ellen Maharana left, and after several weeks of teaching in the kindergarten and later in zenana work under Miss Scott, was engaged for the two lowest classes. These classes are known at home as the Hanson school, supported by the Mission Band of Pittsfield, N. H. In May, Sarala Balla Sen, the teacher of English and drawing, resigned and we were obliged to put in her place a man, a Hindu, who taught for some time in the Christian Boys' High School. He seems to be doing well. Later, Chandri Moni Das went to Calcutta to enter the training school and another Chandri Moni, who taught in the school several years ago, took her place in the upper primary classes. Government is becoming more and more strict in regard to the employment of trained teachers, and it was this that finally induced Chandri to go away for training. I have had a class for the teachers about twice a week for most of the year, and I am doing all I can to get as many girls as would make teachers into training schools, or into other schools of higher grade than ours. There are now five girls from this school in Calcutta schools, three from the Orphanage, and two from the Christian community. There are 48 names on the roll at the close of the year. Two girls were married and left school, and another is out on account of ill health. The drill and drawing, introduced only about two and one-half years ago, are both improving. True, we have produced no artists, nor teachers of calisthenics as yet, but we may some time, whc

knows? The drill seemed at first a very silly performance to the girls, but they have become interested in it and I am trying to get them to see its benefits. One of the girls said, the other day, "Missi Baba, Nari ought to have more drill. See how round-shouldered she is and how her stomach sticks out." We have put in new blackboards, benches and desks. The desks are an innovation, we never had any before. The desks and benches were made in the Industrial department of the High School and are very satisfactory. The changes made by Government two years ago, in regard to examinations, have been somewhat modified and the older girls are taking interest again in their school work. But I wish someone would offer the prize I mentioned last year i. e., a year in some Calcutta school to the girl standing highest in her final examinations here, providing, of course, she was a girl who would really profit by it. The school has been visited twice by the Inspector of Schools of Orissa, and on the occasion of the Lieutenant Governor's visit in July, our girls went down to the Kindergarten and were inspected by His Honor there.

Bible Women. There are only two Bible women now working under the Woman's Board, but they go out and work side by side with the others. Old Udia was called to her rest and her reward in April. I have been able to do nothing with the women more than to pay them since Miss Dawson went home on furlough. One of the teachers of the Boys' High School has taught the Bible class. Miss Dawson was out with them in country work about a month, in all, and went out into the towns and villages nearby, many times for day work, and also to show the magic lantern. The lantern talks are very much appreciated by the women and more requests come for them than can be met. I remember distinctly the feeling I had one night when I was managing the lantern and Miss Dawson was doing the talking. The picture of Jesus among the mob came on the screen and out of the darkness a woman asked, "What are those people doing to my Jesus?"—"My Jesus," from the lips of a Hindu woman! Yes, a woman who had had a vision of Him and had thrown away her idols and was reading her Bible and worshipping Him in a heathen home. If our Bible women could tell you this report there would not be another of the year fuller of interesting incident. They tell of Mani and her mother who have their Bibles with them constantly, waking or sleeping, and are doing a beautiful work in the community where they live. Widows, both, but God is caring for them. Mani gave her testimony in church, last cold season. Can you see her standing, Mrs. Burkholder by her side, and testifying to the love of God before a church full of strange people? We hope soon that both mother and daughter will be baptized. They tell, too, of an old woman so old and feeble they thought she would be gone before they should go to that village again. But when they went they found her still interested in the story. She called her family in and shut the door and, when all was

quiet, said, "Now read to us about the forgiveness of sins." Another says, "Whether Hindu or Musselman, we must have God forgive our sins before we can have salvation." Another is never satisfied until the women have prayed with her; and she will never allow any disturbance while prayer is going on. Another says, "Now mark the place where you have read today and when you come again begin there." And when they go again she remembers what has been read and is full of interest to know what is coming next. One day a week is given to house to house visitation in the Christian community; for our Christians, like others, need to be watched and cared for spiritually. The Bible women also collect the Home Mission money, i. e., the money given by our churches for the support of the work in Kali Mati. It would be expected that only Christians would contribute to such a fund, but several Hindus are found among the regular contributors. The walls are crumbling and the foundations of heathenism are being gradually undermined. Pray for the hastening of the establishment of the Kingdom of Light and Love.

Medical Work. The medical work, even now, does not compare very favorably in attendance with numbers reported in other medical missions, but the number of attendances is increasing. The numbers are as follows: Attendance at Dispensary, 1,358. Calls outside Orphanage cases are hard to count. Sometimes the treatment amounts to taking out a thorn or splinter that any one might do, so one hates to count it. Again it is half a dozen visits a day out to the girls' house which one would not do if one were off the premises, or it may mean a girl brought into the house whom you attend day and night, as when our little Achama was so sick last cold season and we feared she would die. So, you see, the Orphanage treatments number is not accurate. One interesting incident during the year was a gift of rupees five (\$1.66) by a Babu who celebrated a rise in his salary by giving that amount to the dispensary to pay for medicines for people too poor to pay anything for them. I charge only 2 pice, i. e., one cent a day, but many are too poor to pay that. The receipts have been about rupees two hundred above expenses, but that has been due to practice among Europeans. Some people seem to think that the missionary is here only for the native people, but I have often said I am here to help any one who needs me, whether he be white or brown. Another interesting incident was a visit to Jellasore in which the results of my efforts were so apparent that the heathen charms that had been put on the patient were thrown away as worthless, and when I came away they called me God. I explained that I was not God, but I tried to be His servant. They promise that the little boy who was born that day shall be my servant and follow my religion. Would that the last of the promise might be kept. The native people call my babies my grandchildren; for, in helping the mother, I become as a mother to her. She always calls me "Ma" so, of course, her child must be my grand-

child. Oh, but it makes me feel old! Another interesting incident was a visit to the wife of the Raja of a native state, about 13 miles away. It was to see if she would be able to travel to go to her husband, who, for some misdemeanor, has been exiled from his State by Government for a year and a half. Miss Scott and I are members of the managing committee of the Government Hospital, and as such, were specially mentioned by the Lieutenant Governor, on the occasion of his visit here last January, to formally open the new central hospital. Our men missionaries have been members of this committee for sometime, but it is quite out of the ordinary to have women as members of such a committee. The new hospital is a fine one and I do what I can in placing patients there whom I have no place or facilities for caring for here. I find a great reluctance on the part of many to go there, and often I must go myself to induce them to go at all. My little mud hut, out in a corner of the compound, is often used for those who come in from other places. One finds many who are grateful for help rendered, even to the extent of doing something in return; but many are like the nine lepers who forgot to return, even to say "thank you" for their healing. But one learns to work not for rewards, not even for thanks, but for the satisfaction of knowing one has *tried* to relieve pain and suffering, though in many cases one never even knows that the effort has been successful. So we "sow beside all waters not knowing which shall prosper."

Sinclair Orphanage. Poor girls! They have been for five months under the care of their "old maid aunt" and they will be glad, indeed, when their mother comes home next month. And the aunt has often felt great sympathy for the old woman in the shoe. Still, they have been pretty good children, after all, though there are so many; and I cannot complain, for they are live girls, not angels, and one could scarcely expect perfection in them. Miss Dawson went away last March for a furlough of six months in Australia, leaving things in my hands. Dear, faithful Runie has been a great comfort and help, and I have also had a good helper in Prolap Sing who has been able to help not only in the Orphanage, but also in the medical and school work. For the last month, however, she has been ill in bed and the work has had to suffer materially. I have been trying to get a competent woman to take special charge of our six babies, under four years old, and sleep with the girls at night. I have a woman, just now, who is not satisfactory and I am praying that a suitable one may be found for this responsible place. Our little babies are very delicate, and unless they have special care they will not live. Seven children have been admitted during the year, three of them sisters of one of our best girls, and the children of a widowed mother who is unable, and also incompetent, to properly care for and train them. Two of the new comers are tiny babies, only a few months old. There are now fifty names on our roll, which includes our three girls studying in Calcutta. We have also one girl as a boarder, whose mother lives in

Bhadrak and is too poor to pay for her and she comes here that she may take advantage of our higher school. There has been comparatively little illness, and no deaths have occurred during the year, for which we are truly thankful; but one dear girl has been attacked with that dreaded disease, consumption, and I have sent her to Dr. Mary Bacheler, in Midnapore, for change of air and treatment. The Civil Surgeon there does not pronounce her case incurable. Three girls, Kati, Pooni and Shanti, have been married and gone to homes of their own. I have been obliged to stop most of the industrial work that Miss Dawson had so nicely started, for I felt I hadn't the time to give that it required. The gardening, however, has gone on, and we have had no gardener since the middle of May. I dismissed the old gardener as I found he was depending a little too much on the work of the girls and was reducing his own work to a minimum. After his dismissal I was considering getting another man, but the bullock driver said, "Missi Baba, why do you hire another man? With what Syce and I can do mornings, and what the girls do, there is no need of any one else. Sometimes, when there is extra work, you can call a coolie for a few days." It does one's heart good to have helpers like that, and I have much reason to be thankful for the helpers on the place, though in this country one never feels secure from deception. The girls seem now to quite enjoy the garden work and the effort to make the place look well and the vegetables grow. They come telling me, with pride, that they have learned to dig with the heavy hoe, and show me their burning, blistered hands. It is much easier to find gardeners among them now than to find seamstresses. The best part of the year's report is that ten of our girls were converted and baptized last winter. They have, as a rule, proven true; but in two, at least, there is need still for a larger work of grace. Pray for Inda and Umbe-ka. Pray also for the number of other girls who have not given their hearts to Christ. The spirit which permeates the institution throughout is most excellent. There is nearly always a ready response whenever I need, for any reason, to appeal to the girls' sense of right and wrong, or to their sympathies. They really tried, I believe, to make the work as easy as possible for me. I wish you might go out to evening prayers with them some night. There they sit about the dim lantern, only just light enough to make visible their brown faces and bright eyes and white dresses, along the brown mud wall of the room. First there is a song, perhaps one of the new revival songs, then, when all is quiet, dear Rutnie says, "Now all who have done good work today in school or garden or wherever you have been, may rise." You would be pleased with the number who stand. "Now any who have committed any fault may rise," and nearly or quite all the others will stand. (Yes, there are sometimes hearts a little hard.) Then she begins in her quiet way and goes around asking each in turn her fault. "Did you ask forgiveness?" comes next, and "Did you put down a mark?" There is a place on the wall where each may put down a white mark if she has been good or a black

one if she has been naughty. Then there are words of admonition to those who have been willing to confess and ask pardon for the day's faults, and this is followed by a Bible lesson or by a review of the principal events of the Life of Christ in order. Then those who are led to pray do so, and, at the close, all join in the Lord's Prayer. Even our little toddler, Prea, two and one-half years old, had caught the spirit of confession and she stands with the others and tells in her pretty lisping way that she has been angry with Elsie and then and there she asks pardon and the two babies have made up their troubles. Could a picture be more beautiful? I noticed that one of the girls was coming every day to get medicine for the sick ones. One day she said, "Do you know why I am attending to giving the medicine now? It is because I am on the C. E. committee to look after the sick." It was a phase of C. E. work that appealed to me, the more particularly, as it helped me. A committee, too, looks after the flowers for the church. While the arrangements of the bouquets may not be according to your taste or mine, the work is done lovingly and faithfully, and probably the taste of the congregation, as a whole, is satisfied better than you or I would do it. Trials? Discouragements? Difficulties? Yes, often; but who would count them when the compensations are so great, especially when one thinks what would have been the lot of these fifty girls if it had not been for the Father's love expressed through the gifts of friends and the loving service of superintendents. What would one take in exchange for the loving confidence of one of these girls?

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these"—

The reports from the different branches of our work are full of encouragement and cheer. It is hoped the interest and gifts will fully keep pace with the increased opportunities for service, and that, during the coming year, we may as a society test the promise in Malachi iii:10.

SARAH C. G. AVERY.

Wells, Maine.

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES

MRS. ADELAIDE B. WEBBER FOR NEW ENGLAND.

"Where'er a good deed is wrought,
Where'er a noble impulse is spoken—
It returns to us in glad surprise."

United individual effort has been crowned with unprecedented success. The study course of missions has been widely adopted. Mrs. Mosher's helpful articles and Dr. Ward's letters on his seven weeks' tour in India have been aids in the study, and the letters from the field have brought us in touch with our work in India.

Four of the states have taken shares in the HELPER and 259 subscribers have been added.

The letters written by Mrs. Metcalf stating the need of refurnishing rooms at Storer have met with a generous response.

More thank-offering services have been held, and in numberless ways our heavenly Father has led our faithful sisters, from the green hills of Vermont to the pine clad forests of Maine. To Him be all the praise.

MAINE.

President, Mrs. Alma M. Cousins, Steep Falls; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. M. F. Buzzell, Ocean Park; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. E. White, Bowdoinham; Treas., Mrs. Flora T. Thurlough, Maple Grove; Supt. of Junior Work, Mrs. Lottie P. Cook, Madison; Supt. of Cradle Roll, Mrs. H. H. Hayes, Gardiner; Agent for MISSIONARY HELPER, Miss Myrtie G. Kinney, Lewiston; Advisory, Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Ocean Park.

Three new auxiliaries have been organized. Others have disbanded because the membership had been so diminished by deaths and removals that only a few were left and in one instance only one remained to be interested in the work and take the MISSIONARY HELPER. The number of auxiliaries remains the same, but the total membership is less than last year.

Because of a little Cradle Roll of her own and lack of physical strength, our loved and faithful superintendent felt obliged to resign. To serve in her place Mrs. H. H. Hayes of Gardiner was elected.

The number of Cradle Rolls in the Sunday Schools increases each year and we hope the day is not far distant when these shall all be Mission Cradle Rolls, thus making mission work a part of our Sunday School education.

The interest in Junior work was reported as good in some churches, but our superintendent feels that this department does not receive the attention it ought and plans for more aggressive work during the coming year.

The HELPER agent reports a gain of 106 subscribers to the magazine which grows in worth with each number and is becoming indispensable to many people.

Quite a sum has been contributed towards the refurnishing of rooms at Storer College, boxes have been prepared to send to India by Miss Barnes, and much other work has been done by various auxiliaries, not showing in statistical reports.

Action was taken at the annual meeting to prove ourselves loyal to our work and workers in India. Loyalty to Christ was the keynote in all plans and deliberations.

Number of churches, 226; auxiliaries, 55; members, 965; cradle rolls, 23; members, 247; A. L. B's., 23 members; HELPERS taken, 820; raised by thank-offering, \$481.99; total receipts, \$2,061.37.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

President, Mrs. Lizzie A. Sanborn, Loudon; Vice President, Mrs. M. G. Osgood, Gilmanton Iron Works; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. C. Butterfield, South Berwick, Me.; Recording Secretary, Miss Ella C. Hurd, E. Manchester; Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel E. Demeritt, 35 Lexington St., Dover; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Hattie L. Heath, 50 Dunklee St., Concord; Children's Secretary, Mrs. Ada M. L. George, Franklin Falls; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Foss, Bethlehem.

The work in this state has been progressive. New auxiliaries have been organized, new workers have come into the ranks and children have been added to the Cradle Rolls and Junior societies. More copies of the HELPER are taken than ever before.

At the annual meeting systematic plans were made for work. An earnest effort will be made to organize auxiliaries, as we believe that there is no greater help in the local church than a Woman's Missionary Society, also that there is no greater help in understanding our work as a denomination. As a means of increasing our subscription list for the HELPER, the auxiliaries are asked to take a share of \$3.00 yearly or to become responsible for five new subscribers.

The largest gain of subscriptions during the past year was in the Merrimack Valley Association.

The Rockingham Association was the only one that met its HELPER apportionment.

Money has been contributed to refurnish rooms at Storer College, boxes sent to India, barrels to Harper's Ferry, and one to the Mary Kimbal Mission.

The State has received from the Sinclair Estate, for the Sinking Fund, \$2,500.00.

Number of churches, 96; auxiliaries, 40; members, 370; cradle rolls, 33; members, 355; Advanced Light Bearers, 11; members, 72; HELPERS taken, 546; money raised by thank-offering, \$389.73; total receipts, \$4,643.11.

VERMONT.

President, Miss Anna A. Cummings, Montpelier, Route 2, R. D.; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Abbott P. Davis, Enosburg Falls; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. L. W. Pease, Wheelock; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Lydia W. Blake, Sutton.

The women in this State are loyal to their missionary, Dr. Shirley Smith. They have paid \$10.00 for Miss Dawson's salary; \$19.76 for the Dorcas Smith room at Storer College, and have contributed to the Porter memorial fund. The receipts from thank-offerings are more than last year.

Number of churches, 34; auxiliaries, 7; members, 87; members of Cradle Roll, 11; thank-offering, \$46.50; total receipts, \$392.14.

MASSACHUSETTS.

President, Mrs. Frances S. Mosher, 107 Howland Street, Boston; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hook, 12 Wilson Street, Lynn; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Page, 19 Nichols Street, Haverhill; Treasurer, Mrs. Maud Kenyon, 528 Chelmsford Street, Lowell; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. F. O. Robinson, 40 Cottage Street, Cambridge; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Elena Palmetter, Lincoln Street, Stoneham.

The several departments of the work have been continued and the reports show an increase in receipts, also in subscribers for the MISSIONARY HELPER; \$40.00 was raised to furnish rooms at Storer College. The interest in General Missions has been helped by taking up the mission course of study.

Number of churches, 18; auxiliaries, 5; members, 150; Cradle Rolls, 4; members, 72; HELPERS taken, 235; thank-offering services, 7; money raised, \$109.00; total receipts, \$427.90.

RHODE ISLAND.

President, Mrs. Ella H. Andrews, 122 Vinton Street, Providence; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lena S. Fenner, 127 Cranston Street, Providence; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude L. Deckard, 116 Gladstone Street, Arlington; treasurer, Mrs. Ida F. Ricker, 32 Warren Street, Providence; Children's Secretary, Mrs. Ida Whittemore, 1 Whittemore Place, Providence; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. A. Marshall, 123 Brownell Street, Providence; HELPER Agent, Mrs. C. H. Tilley, 15 Durfee Street, Providence.

The HELPER and Storer College have been the topics given special interest this year.

The January district session became a HELPER meeting of very valuable character, with lasting qualities. Nearly every auxiliary in the State—thanks to Mrs. Metcalf—has assisted in the refurbishing of rooms at Storer College. This has given rise to many gatherings, social and instructive, and made possible the dissemination of much Storer information. The Mission Study Course grows with us and in turn helps us to grow into a broader and better knowledge of mission fields.

Number of churches, 36; number of auxiliaries, 13; members, 320; Cradle Rolls, 5; members, 162; A. L. B.'s, 25 members; HELPERS taken, 330; thank-offering receipts, \$252.26; total receipts, \$920.68.

The president of the HELPER branch of the International Society, Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: Our work goes steadily on, and we have been able to cheer many people in almost numberless ways. The society in general is growing and one of the new efforts is the opening of the Rest Home at Bensonhurst.

SUMMARY.

Number of auxiliaries, 120; members, 1,892; number of Cradle

Rolls, 65; members, 847; advanced Light Bearers, 59 members; number of HELPERS taken in New England, 2,002; receipts by thank-offerings, \$1,279.48; total receipts, \$8,425.20.

ADELAIDE B. WEBBER.

Somersworth, N. H.

Mrs. E. L. Worden for Central and Ontario Associations. 1

Many letters and blanks have been sent out, but the returns have been few and inadequate. Partial reports have been received from the following:

Owego Quarterly Meeting, President, Mrs. G. N. Canfield, Warren Center, Pa.; Secretary, Miss Lottie Corbin, Cadis, Pa.; Treasurer, Mrs. Deacon Coffin, South Apalachin, N. Y. Six thank-offering services have been held and work is being done for India, Africa, Storer College and other home interests. Mite Boxes are used for the children, who pay toward the salaries of President MacDonald and Mrs. Griffin, Cattaraugus Quarterly Meeting W. M. S., President, Mrs. F. S. Cook, West Valley, N. Y.; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss M. E. Harrison, Great Valley, N. Y..

Prospect Auxiliary, President, Mrs. J. J. Griffith; has 9 members and uses the mission program in the HELPER. West Oneonta, President, Mrs. John Orr. This auxiliary has 30 members, and the HELPER program is used. There are 11 members of the children's society and 17 members of the Cradle Roll.

The Brooklyn and Poland churches take the largest numbers of the MISSIONARY HELPER. The headquarters of the HELPER Branch of the International Sunshine Society is in Brooklyn, from whence go out many rays of sunshine to all parts of the country and to India.

The amounts sent to our Treasurer, Miss DeMeritte, are as follows: New York, \$157.55; Pennsylvania, \$42.85; Province of Quebec, \$25.

Miss Elizabeth Kelso for the West.

Your secretary wishes to thank all those who so kindly responded to her appeals for help and information. Being wholly unacquainted with part of the work, it has taken some time to get matters in hand; and now it seems that little has been accomplished, while there is so much to do. Comparing the reports received with last year's, some are more encouraging and some less so. Some have not reported. Many of the societies in our States do much local work, and many work with General Conference Board. Miss Barnes visited some of the societies and added much to the zeal and enthusiasm of the work.

MINNESOTA—President, Mrs. Lou M. P. Durgin, Winnebago; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Ina B. Gates, Emmons; Cradle Roll Secre-

tary, Mrs. F. W. Parmenter, Slayton; HELPER Agent, Miss Rosina Palmer, Valley Springs, S. D.

Nearly all the statistical report from Minnesota Yearly Meeting W. M. S. must of necessity be made approximately, owing to the seeming impossibility to obtain reports from all points. Our reports are made exclusive of South Dakota Q. M. from which we have received no report at all.

Winona reports more HELPER subscribers than auxiliary members; Winnebago, with twenty-five members, is the largest society. Brainard is sending sunshine box to India. Verona, with nine members, has more than double that number at regular meetings. Huntley auxiliary meets twice a month, often holding enthusiastic all-day sessions. Champlin is endeavoring to interest the girls. The auxiliaries of Winnebago Q. M. furnished a room in Myrtle Hall, Storer College, as an expression of their love for Mrs. McKenney, and their appreciation of her faithful work among them for so many years. The room is to be named the 'Mrs. A. A. McKenney room.'

The Y. M. Secretary has visited seven auxiliaries in the Y. M. and hopes to have met with all in a few weeks. Nearly all the auxiliaries use the programs suggested in the HELPER; \$561.52 has been sent to Miss DeMeritte. Our auxiliaries are taking courage; purpose to raise our apportionments; to win the younger women to the work; to educate ourselves, and to interest others in Missions, that He who gave us our commission and His promise shall be glorified.

MICHIGAN—President, Mrs. H. P. Stone, Battle Creek; Secretary, Mrs. Minnie E. Parsons, Manchester; Treasurer, Miss Loma Garwood, Cassopolis; Children's Secretary, Mrs. Emma D. Mack, Cassopolis; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. I. B. Buffum, Elsie; HELPER Agent, Miss Susie E. Vorhes, Wilmot.

Only eight Quarterly Meetings reported and those only partially, so our report is very incomplete. We are trying to help increase interest in Missions by talks and addresses from both Home and Foreign workers; by Mission Studies in various auxiliaries and societies of young people. We expect to have addresses by Dr. and Mrs. Ward, this year, who have visited our foreign mission field. Nine auxiliaries report using the programs in the HELPER. Three shares are taken in the magazine in the Hillsdale Quarterly meeting. Seven barrels have been sent to needy places. Our missionary is Dr. Mary Bacheler, whom we hope to fully support in the future. Whole amount raised, \$864.17; thank-offering, \$185.76.

NORTH KANSAS—President, Mrs. N. L. Abbey, Jamestown; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Franklin, Denton; Children's and Cradle Roll Secretary and HELPER Agent, Mrs. N. L. Abbey.

Some wide-awake work is being done in Kansas, especially for the children. Interest in missions is being fostered by public meetings and general work. There are as many auxiliaries and Cradle Rolls as there are churches—5; number of auxiliary members, 71; Cradle Roll members, 58; thank-offering services held, 4. Ten HELPERS are taken and one society uses the suggestive program for mission study. There are two children's societies and two shares are taken in Miss Barnes' salary. Amount raised by Cradle Rolls, \$19.24. There are 5 members of Sunshine Society. Amount sent to Miss DeMeritte, \$65.75.

NEBRASKA—President, Rev. Delia S. Wolfe, Adams; Secretary, Mrs. M. M. Myers, Geneva.

Interesting mission services are held in each Quarterly and Yearly meeting. Our societies do aid work, largely, but through them the mission spirit is fostered in readings and prayers at each gathering. We help support Rev. H. R. Murphy in India. We have only 20 churches and 5 auxiliaries. Six HELPERS are taken.

It is a matter of great regret that other Western States have not been heard from. Of those unreported, Iowa raised \$260.98; Illinois, \$42.50; Ohio, \$47.75; Indiana, \$97; Wisconsin, \$48.75; California, \$40; South Dakota, \$35.25; Missouri, \$5.00.

ELIZABETH KELSO.

Pittsford, Mich.

Mrs. M. W. Thomas for Children's Work, East.

The work of the Children's Department, East, has been carried on, this year, under the same plan as formulated by the committee two years ago, namely: A Secretary for children's work in each State, wherever possible: this State Secretary, in turn, to appoint Quarterly Meeting Secretaries and thus down to each local church, the hope being that from each Woman's Auxiliary a Superintendent of Junior work would be appointed, to see that a missionary meeting was held with the children monthly, this Superintendent to report to the local auxiliary as one of its departments.

Several of the States report an increase of such Superintendents and of good work begun with the children. Under our new plan, with freedom to organize auxiliaries and mission bands in all our churches, it is hoped and expected that other States will fall into line and thus the children's work be extended. The program outline for Junior work, as given in the HELPER monthly, and as asked for by this Department two years ago, is proving of great help to the Junior Superintendents.

M. W. THOMAS.

Saco, Maine.

Rev. Elizabeth Moody for Children's Work, West.

My work for the children of the West, this year, has been done with the pen for the most part.

Have written the Yearly Meeting officers and to some Quarterly Meetings, urging that attention be given this branch of the work; and, later, followed with words of cheer and requests for reports.

There is some effort being put forth in every State, and more real interest expressed this year than in the past. Have organized one "Band" and addressed several children's meetings, beside the writing done.

In the reports received the testimony to the helpfulness of the MISSIONARY HELPER has been quite universal and especially gratifying.

Miss Barnes and the Bilhorn Mission (Chicago) are the objects for which most are working. Some have a children's thank-offering, others birthday boxes and mission gardens and interest in missions is awakened through this giving, and the study of those for whom they give.

ELIZABETH MOODY.

Hillsdale, Mich.

Mrs. Mitchell for the Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers.

To the officers and members of the F. B. W. M. S., your Cradle Roll Secretary submits the following report:

Maine, Mrs. Ida Salley, Secretary. Steep Falls—24 L. L. B.'s, \$5.50 given. West Falmouth, 38 members, \$6.80. Portland, 25, \$5.00. South Portland and Cape Elizabeth, 25, \$4.77. North Baldwin, 2, \$3.00. Pittsfield, 53, \$4.00. Mars Hill, 6, \$1.10. Blaine, 5, \$1.00. Sprague's Mills, 10, \$2.15. Bridgewater, 3, \$.45. Ft. Fairfield, 48, \$6.95. Biddeford, 11. Island Falls, 56, \$11.55. Topsham, 6, \$1.62. Lisbon, 21, \$1.73. No. Lebanon, 8, \$4.00. Saco, 20, \$6.06. Lisbon Falls, 9, \$.55. Chester, —, \$1. Houlton, \$7.39. North Berwick, \$6.80. Presque Isle, \$1.50. Bowdoinham Ridge, \$.60. Ocean Park, \$.15. A superintendent's outfit was sent to Mrs. Agnes Johnson, Athens. Totals: 23 Rolls reported; 247 L. L. B.'s; 23 A. L. B.'s; \$72.32 sent to Miss DeMeritte, Treasurer.

New Hampshire—Mrs. Ella M. Foss sends a complete report. Canterbury, 7, \$1.75. 2nd Belmont, 5, \$2.25. Loudon Center, 14, \$2.30. Laconia, 44, \$4.00. Loudon, 10, \$1.50. Whitefield, new roll. Ashland, 35, \$2.22. Meredith, 18, \$4.35. New Hampton, 12, \$3.15. Bristol, 32, \$4.27. Epsom, 15, \$1.35. Pittsfield, 24, \$10.29. Manchester, 60, \$10.00. Rochester, 17, \$1.00. New Durham, 8, \$3.45. Gonic, 16, \$3.00. Alton, 10, \$2.40. Farmington, 10, \$.30. Northwood Ridge, 7, \$1.66. Dover, 20, \$10.00. South Danville, 23, \$7.01. Somersworth, 9. New Market, 1. Hampton, 10, \$2.64. Melvin Village, 12, \$1.70. Moultonboro and Tuf-

tonboro, 2, \$1.78. Franklin Falls, 2. Warren, 6, \$1.00. Totals: 28 Rolls, 355 L. L. B.'s, 72 A. L. B.'s, \$80.62.

Vermont—Mrs. L. U. Pease, Secretary. St. Johnsbury, 17, \$4.95. A roll at North Danville, but no report. Supplies have been sent to Sutton, also to Mrs. G. L. Lowell, Hardwick, and Mrs. Bennett will endeavor to organize a roll at Sheffield.

Massachusetts—The Secretary has resigned, but the following reports have been received: Lowell, Chelmsford St., 27, \$8.00. Cambridge, 24, \$3.70. Somerville, \$3.00. Amesbury, 5, \$.75. Reported: 4 rolls, 72 members, \$18.60.

Rhode Island—Is without a Secretary at present, but hopes to have one this fall. Roger Williams, Providence, 32, \$8.02. Pond St., Providence, 26, \$3.50. Pascoag, 20, \$8.00. Carolina, 23, \$6.63. Pawtucket, 1st, 85, \$21.15. Totals: 5 rolls, 162 L. L. B.'s, 25 A. L. B.'s, \$37.27.

New York—Poland, 20, \$6.30. Buffalo, Hudson St., 14, \$2. Totals: 2 Rolls, 26 L. L. B.'s, 8 A. L. B.'s, \$8.55.

Pennsylvania—Has a roll at Marshlands, 25 members last year.

Michigan—Has not sent reports, but Algansee has raised \$.55. Mason, \$1.73. Brownsville, \$1.62; \$5.90 has been sent in from the State.

Indiana—The Roll at Oakland City has sent in \$3.75. The two Rolls in Illinois have not been heard from.

Minnesota—Has no State Secretary, but the Superintendents and the Corresponding Secretary of the State report: Granada, 20, \$5.00. Delevan, \$3.18. Nashville, 1, \$.25. Winona, \$6.30. Totals: 4 Rolls and 21 members reported, \$16.40 sent in.

Iowa—Has a Roll at Mt. Zion which has sent in \$.45, and two L. L. B.'s at Little Cedar, who have contributed \$1.00.

North Kansas—Mrs. N. L. Abbey reports the following: Denton, 5, \$3.21. Horton, 6, \$1.00. Hickory Grove, 14, \$2.25. Buffalo Valley, 13, \$7.59. Summit, 20, \$4.60. 5 Rolls, 58 L. L. B.'s, \$21.09. The Salem Roll in South Kansas sends in \$2.75.

Nebraska—Has had one Roll at Kenesaw.

Nova Scotia reports through its Secretary, Mrs. G. M. Wilson, 3 Rolls, 30 members; \$6.00 sent in.

The following Single Light Bearers have been heard from in some way during the past year: Harold G. Clark, Benner, Me.; Leon Griswold Milliken, Old Orchard, Me.; Blanche Virginia Osgood, Richmond, Va.; Clifford Herbrick, Franconia, N. H.; Irene Davis, Wilbraham, Mass.; George William Cook, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Paul Emery Moody, Springfield, Ohio; Dorothy Chase, Kibbie, Mich.; Frank Gray, Fairfield, Mich.; Marion Louise Grow, Minneapolis, Minn.; Lowell Williams Ashbaugh, Ames, Iowa; Carol Willisford, Lincoln, Neb. The name of Clifford Jackson Humphrey has been added to our Memorial Roll.

The total amount contributed from each State is what was sent to Miss De Merritte from Aug. 1, 1905, to Aug. 1, 1906; total, \$275.17. Our Rolls are more faithful about sending in the offerings than in sending reports; 78 Rolls have been heard from, but we have over 100; 995 L. L. B.'s and 128 A. L. B.'s have responded to the Roll Call, but the members of the Rolls which have reported to our Treasurer will easily raise that to 1200 L. L. B.'s and 150 A. L. B.'s, to say nothing of those which have failed to have a rally this year, but have not been given up.

One hundred and forty-nine letters and cards have been sent out and 80 packages of supplies. A \$50 share in Miss Sims' salary was assumed a year ago and our fifth child in Sinclair Orphanage has just been adopted.

Financial Statement: Received from Miss DeMerritte, \$20. From sale of supplies, \$16.57. total, \$36.57. Expended: For supplies, \$26.99. For postage, \$4.40. Total, \$31.39. Balance on hand, \$5.18.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA TURNER MITCHELL.

Pawtucket, R. I.

REPORT OF WESTERN COMMITTEE

As there has been no agent in the field this year, your committee have very little to report. It was impossible for Miss Moody to continue her work, as she was needed at home with her mother. She took a pastorate nearby and her time has largely been divided between that and her home. The Woman's Board voted to ask Miss Moody to do what she could by correspondence to keep strong the link between the auxiliaries. This seemed to cover much the same ground as the work of the Western Home Secretary; so our Home Secretary, Miss Kelso, and Miss Moody met in the Fall and planned the year's campaign, as well as possible. Miss Kelso's interest and energy have been very gratifying, and Miss Moody's knowledge of the work and workers helpful in carrying out the plans. Miss Kelso's report will doubtless cover the

field. Miss Moody has done considerable writing, during the year, in the interests of the Woman's Missionary Society and visited the Illinois Yearly Meeting in September.

Miss Barnes, during the summer, visited Iowa and Southern Ohio, and also some Michigan churches. All of these trips were helpful and, at least, one new auxiliary has resulted. In one place Miss Barnes was the first foreign missionary that had ever visited that people. She sold a great many HELPER Post Cards, took subscriptions for HELPER and sold other missionary literature. The collections were so generous that, besides expenses, forty dollars has been paid on her salary. She refused many calls to go among the churches (a very hard thing for Miss Barnes to do) because her health would not permit her to respond. Her presence among us has been a blessing; we look for its fruits in an increased interest in missions and greater spiritual development.

Any plans for pushing the work in the West, that can be suggested during the annual meeting, will be gladly received, I am sure, by the Western committee, which you will appoint. It is expected that Mrs. Carrie Miles of Iowa will be with you as Western delegate. We commend her to the sisters assembled at Lowell, knowing that mutual acquaintance will result in mutual good.

M. AUGUSTA W. BACHELDER,
Chairman Western Committee.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

The work of the bureau and the amount of literature sent out for the year have been much greater than last year in that the bureau has furnished to the auxiliaries the supplies for the interdenominational study of missions. Over 200 copies of the textbook on Africa, "Christus Liberator," were sold and a large number of maps, sets of pictures and the various leaflets. Three of the Reference Libraries were sent out. The outlines of the lectures at Northfield seemed to be quite popular and very helpful in arranging programs for missionary meetings. Only a few of the books for Juniors were called for.

There have not been very many large orders for miscellaneous leaflets, although orders for leaflets and responsive readings for special days have been good; only a very few calls for costumes. Twenty-five copies of the story of Chundra Lela, by Mrs. Ada Lee, have been sold since last May.

In regard to the free supplies which are sent out for the postage, the blanks for reports of the Woman's Missionary work connected with Yearly Meetings, Quarterly Meetings and local auxiliaries, also Junior societies, were revised and a good quantity printed last January, since which time there has been a good call for auxiliary reports and some call

for those Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, but almost no call for those for Junior societies. A new lot of 1,000 mite boxes for Juniors has been purchased and a large number both of these and for auxiliaries sent out.

There will be need soon of reprinting the membership cards if we continue to use them; also need soon for a new catalog, which I should advise to be very much revised. There seems to be more call for facts in regard to our own denominational work and the work of the inter-denominational study than for miscellaneous leaflets.

Financial statement for the year ending Sept. 30, 1906:

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1905.....	\$5.49
Received for supplies.....	173.78
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Total to be accounted for.....	\$179.27
Expenditures:	
Supplies	\$124.82
Express	10.00
Postage	27.67
On hand	16.78
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Total	\$179.27

AMELIA D. CHAPMAN, Supt.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

AROLINE M. FILES, Auditor.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

This year of change, when the evolution of the HELPER has occupied so large a part of our thought, the output and results in other directions has not been so large or so marked.

The increased expense along HELPER lines seemed to warrant a curtailing of the same in others, so that with one exception no new leaflets have been gotten out this year.

That the year has been a trying one for Editor and Publisher, we are all more or less aware, and to them for their painstaking and persistent effort for the weal of our magazine, our warmest thanks are due.

The vista along our HELPER path appearing smoother and brighter for the coming year, we hope to be able to turn our attention more particularly to Bureau needs and the issue of new leaflets.

A Porter Memorial leaflet brought out in May, has been circulated and awaits the response due this new and worthy department of our work.

The committee, as warm friends of this movement, are made most happy by the large Prescott bequest to this fund. This, we believe, will

give the dignity of permanence to the fund that will encourage other gifts; it gives also a basis of income that will be of immediate value to the work.

Our motto, when tested, rings true, "Faith and Works win."

FRANCES STEWART MOSHER, Chairman.

LENA SWEET FENNER, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUBSCRIPTION AGENT

A year of unusual experience is to be reviewed and reported upon. After being at home in the publishing house of *The Morning Star* for nineteen years, we were informed one day that the family were about to remove and that the child must find a home for itself. Once out in the world, we found that our contract for a new home must be made on a strictly business basis.

After considerable investigation it was decided to accept the terms for printing offered by Mr. W. L. Streeter of Saco, Me., and we have had no occasion to regret the decision. Mr. Streeter has been uniformly considerate and gentlemanly, has greatly improved the mechanical make-up of the magazine, has given a prompt issue each month and has manifested a personal interest that has been appreciated by editor and publisher. No small amount of anxious thought was expended and a considerable sum of money, and the prompt mailing of the magazine several months sacrificed in securing the entrance of the *HELPER* as second class matter at the postoffice at Saco. But after a few months this matter was satisfactorily adjusted, and we have many reasons to be glad the printing was located where it is.

These necessary changes brought about an increase in the annual expense of printing of nearly one hundred and fifty dollars. As the income from subscriptions had failed for many years to pay expenses, and an annual deficit had been met each year by the Woman's Missionary Society, it was especially desirable that some measures be devised to meet this increased expense. All are agreed that the ideal way to pay the current expenses of any periodical is by receipts from subscriptions, and with this in view special effort has been made to increase the number of subscribers, and with success in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan and Iowa.

The net gain for the year is two hundred and twenty-nine subscribers.

Two new plans were adopted. First, it was voted that individuals and auxiliaries be asked to become responsible for five new subscribers for the *HELPER* for three years, either paying the subscriptions themselves or securing that number of new subscribers. Twenty-six such

pledges were received, and to the second plan,—that individuals and auxiliaries be asked to take “shares” for the support of the HELPER at three dollars each, such pledges to hold good until notice be given that the person making it wished to be released—twenty-four responded. The responses made to these plans have been a decided help to our magazine, and we cannot do better than to continue to present these same methods for the coming year. There will always be a considerable natural loss of subscribers each year; but we have succeeded in overcoming this loss, and have made a net gain in subscriptions; and, notwithstanding expenses are more, the deficit is less this year than last. Credit should be given every one who has helped by pledge or subscription to bring about this favorable report, and also our courage stimulated to push these plans which have proved so helpful.

Our HELPER was never more satisfactory than at present. It is in every way worthy of the patronage of all Free Baptists. The missionary magazine is recognized in all denominations as one of the strongest forces in the missionary campaign. It informs of the needs and the methods of meeting those needs. It brings reports of the work in both home and foreign fields, which stimulate and inspire our auxiliary workers; and it helps us each to feel that we have a share in the great missionary enterprise of the present day. Shall we not more than ever before help to spread the good news of the kingdom through our MISSIONARY HELPER?

ELLA H. ANDREWS.

Providence, R. I.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The work of your committee for 1906 differs but slightly from that of other years. The “Call” greeted us in the March HELPER; the cards of invitation and envelopes for the offerings were ready at your orders; excellent programs were given in the April HELPER; more than the usual number of personal notes and letters were mailed in behalf of the thank-offering service, and many items of interest have come to us regarding new services holden, in response to the earnest effort of “the pastor’s wife,” or other interested sister; while many report increased money gifts and “lovely meetings.” Who can measure all the results?

The total amount of thank-offering for 1906 is \$1,803.87, nearly \$200 more than ever before. This has come from nineteen States; Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Michigan, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Vermont, Iowa, New York, Kansas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, California, Connecticut, Missouri, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and District of Columbia, Province of Quebec and Nova Scotia. The largest sum was \$481.99 and smallest \$1.00.

Still may our watchword be, "A thank-offering service in every church."

CLARA A. RICKER, Chairman.

Lisbon Falls, Maine.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Laura A. DeMeritte, Treasurer, in account with the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society for the year ending August 31, 1906:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand August 31, 1906.....	\$ 1,244.14
from Rev. J. L. and Mrs. O. E. Sinclair's estates	\$2,705.61
O. L. Hill estate	184.21
Moses B. Smith estate-income	145.09
Mrs. Mary A. Lattan's estate	50.00
for Susan Prescott Porter Memorial.....	47.50
General Fund	25.00
from income of Cristy Fund	1,567.81
income of Brewster scholarship	35.56
income of General Funds which are not included	
in printed contributions.....	189.28
temporary loans	1,820.15
Portland Savings Bank	75.68
India free Kindergarten	315.00
for home missions, including Storer College	973.32
foreign missions	615.92
schools, teachers and Bible women at Midnapore	368.20
schools, teachers and Orphanage at Balasore....	126.59
salary of Dr. Shirley Smith	365.14
salary of Miss Coombs.....	373.47
salary of Miss Butts.....	83.50
salary of Dr. Mary Bachelor	375.28
salary of Kindergarten teacher.....	373.40
salary of Miss E. E. Barnes.....	388.07
salary of Miss J. J. Scott	227.02
salary of Miss M. Dawson.....	34.40
salary of Miss Sims	12.50
education of Esther	10.00
Widows' Home	83.61
Sinclair Orphanage Well	55.05
refurnishing rooms at Storer College	143.55
Missionary Reminiscences and Missionary Helper	34.72
Preacher and colporter	80.00
Incidental Fund	180.16
General account	2,280.75
Total	\$15,345.54

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Cash for loans and bonds to be re-invested	\$ 2,720.00
Total to be accounted for.....	\$19,309.68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash for salary of Miss L. C. Coombs.....	\$ 600.00
salary of Dr. Mary Bachelor.....	500.00
salary of Miss E. Butts.....	500.00
salary of Miss E. E. Barnes.....	250.00
salary of Dr. Shirley Smith.....	500.00
salary of Miss J. J. Scott	500.00
salary of Miss M. E. Dawson	400.00
salary of Miss Bromvetch.....	400.00
salary of Miss L. B. Lightner, C. F. income.....	425.00
salary of Miss E. V. Smith, C. F. income.....	375.00
salary of Mrs. B. McDonald, C. F. income.....	290.25
salary of Miss M. Brady, C. F. income.....	300.00
salary of Miss E. Sims.....	300.00
Assist. in S. S. Dep't at Storer College.....	50.00
salary of Rev. E. Moody	100.00
salary of Mrs. Arter.....	100.00
salary of Mrs. A. C. Chapman.....	60.00
salary of Treasurer and Assistant.....	300.00
Town and Private Schools at Midnapore.....	325.00
Zenanas at Midnapore.....	260.00
Bible women at Midnapore.....	110.00
preacher and colporter at Midnapore	80.00
dispensary and literature at Midnapore.....	55.00
taxes and repairs.....	40.00
Kindergarten work at Balasore.....	120.00
Day schools at Balasore.....	150.00
Hindu schools at Balasore.....	135.00
Indian Orphanage, including Esther's education.	510.00
Bible women at Balasore.....	85.00
repairs at Balasore.....	60.00
Zenanas at Balasore	120.00
Well at Balasore	57.00
travelling expenses of Miss Dawson.....	233.00
Industrial Dep't at Storer College.....	400.00
lecture expenses at Storer.....	25.00
Brewster scholarships	45.00
rooms furnished at Storer College.....	228.55
National Council dues.....	33.33
investment of Sinking Fund.....	2,500.00
investment of Kindergarten Funds.....	315.00
investment of temporary loans.....	2,005.58
balance of annuity at death of Mrs. Prescott....	128.20
investment of Susan P. Porter Mem.	39.50
shares in Missionary Helper.....	12.00
balance of deficit of Helper for 1905.....	69.69
on account of deficit for 1906.....	210.70
extra postage on Helper.....	134.73
commission on care of funds.....	123.66
annual reports and adv. in Helper.....	176.69
Literature	79.99
from Cristy income, free premium, etc.	145.16
for general expenses	105.61
Total	\$15,068.64

THE MISSIONARY HELPER

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Cash for re-investment	\$ 2,720.00
on hand August 31, 1906	1,521.04
Accounted for	\$19,309.68
Net on hand not including temporary loans.....	\$1,017.76

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly cast and well vouched.

..M. W. THOMAS, Auditor.

STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS.

FUNDS		INVESTMENTS	
Brewster Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Municipal Bonds	\$8,100.00
Batchelder Fund	1,000.00	Railroad Bonds	9,250.00
Cristy Fund	29,752.00	Corporation Bonds	8,500.00
Curtis Fund	1,000.00	Mortgages and Notes with	
Dearborn Fund	425.00	Collateral	12,050.00
Mary A. Dearborn Fund...	400.00	Savings Bank and Trust	
Golden Memorial:		Co.'s	3,747.37
Cole Fund, \$500; General		Stocks	5,800.00
Donations, \$389.87	889.87		
Hanson Fund	500.00		\$47,447.37
A. L. & E. H. Hanson Fund			
	800.00		
Kindergarten Fund	25.00		
Littlefield Fund	300.00		
Mother Hill's Fund	500.00		
Moulton Fund	950.00		
Parker Fund	950.00		
Prescott Fund	1,000.00		
Susan Prescott Porter			
Sundry Funds	250.00		
Memorial	1,039.50		
Starbird Fund	1,000.00		
Sinking Fund	3,000.00		
Temporary Loans	1,229.00		
Mary B. Wingate Fund...	500.00		
Nursing Capital	972.00		
Widows' Home Funds....	100.00		
Kindergarten Work	315.00	Premium on Stocks	5,800.00
	\$47,447.37	Total Valuation	\$53,247.37

Real Estate: Henderson Home and Brown Dispensary, Midnapore, India; Sinclair Orphanage, Dorcas Smith Widows' Home and Caroline A. Bradbury Kindergarten, Balasore, India.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing invested funds and find them in amount and kind as stated by the treasurer.

M. W. THOMAS, Auditor.

Receipts are from the following sources:

Thank-Offering		Total		
New Hampshire....	\$389.73	\$4,623.11	Connecticut	10.00 15.00
Maine	481.99	2,061.37	Dist. of Columbia...	5.00 5.47
Rhode Island	252.26	920.68	West Virginia.....	5.00 5.00
Michigan	185.76	864.17	Missouri	5.00 5.00
Minnesota	113.54	561.02	Tennessee	4.00 4.00
Massachusetts	109.00	427.90	Maryland	3.00 3.00
Vermont	46.50	392.14	Interest of Cristy	
Iowa	64.59	260.98	Fund	1,567.81
New York	55.00	157.55	General Interest...	189.28
Nova Scotia.....	11.00	97.00	Brewster Scholar-	
Indiana		70.25	ship	35.56
Kansas	8.00	65.75	Kindergarten Funds	315.00
Wisconsin	2.00	48.75	Loans	4,615.83
Ohio	30.00	47.75	Missionary Reminis-	
Pennsylvania	1.00	42.85	cences	22.50
Illinois	10.00	42.50	Miscellaneous	478.07
California	5.50	40.00		
South Dakota.....	5.00	35.25	Total receipts.....	\$18,065.54
Province of Quebec.	10.00	25.00		
New Brunswick		20.00	Total Thank-offering....	1,803.87

Silver Necklet awarded to New Hampshire.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SALARIES OF INDIA MISSIONARIES

Miss L. C. Coombs	\$ 500.00
Miss Ella M. Butts	500.00
Dr. Shirley H. Smith	500.00
Dr. Mary W. Bachelor	500.00
Miss E. E. Barnes	500.00
Miss M. E. Dawson	400.00
Miss Bromvetch	400.00
Miss J. J. Scott (while in the field)	

STORER COLLEGE AND MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. L. B. Lighner's salary.....	425.00
Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald's salary.....	350.00
Miss Ella V. Smith's salary	375.00
Miss Mary E. Brady's salary.....	300.00
Miss Eliza Sims' salary	300.00
Industrial Department	425.00
Assistant for Miss Brown	50.00
Lecture course	25.00
Western Work	100.00
Mrs. J. Arter, Cairo, Mission	100.00
Treasurer's salary	250.00
Assistant Treasurer's salary.....	50.00
Salary of Sup't of Bureau of Miss. Intelligence.....	60.00
Free Literature	20.00

Cradle Roll	20.00
Thank Offering	50.00
Advertising	60.00
Passage of Miss Barnes.....	300.00

WORK.

(For which the F. B. W. M. S. is responsible only as contributions are sent for these purposes.)

MIDNAPORE

Bible women	110.00
Zenanas	260.00
Town and Primary Schools	325.00
Literature	5.00
Dispensary and contingent.....	30.00
Preacher and Colporter	80.00

BALASORE

Sinclair Orphanage	675.00
Bible women	85.00
Zenanas	120.00
Hindu Schools	60.00
Kindergarten	100.00
Girls' Day School	150.00

STATE APPORTIONMENTS.

Maine	\$2,000.00	New York and Pennsylvania	50.00
New Hampshire	1,600.00	Illinois	100.00
Vermont	400.00	Pennsylvania	100.00
Massachusetts	550.00	Michigan	600.00
Rhode Island	1,400.00	Indiana	100.00
New York	100.00	Iowa	400.00
Minnesota	600.00	India	50.00
Nebraska	50.00	California	50.00
South Dakota	75.00	Province of Quebec	50.00
Kansas	50.00		

"MISSIONARY HELPER" ASSIGNMENTS.

Maine	\$1,000.00	Illinois	200.00
New Hampshire	600.00	Michigan	550.00
Vermont	150.00	Iowa	200.00
Massachusetts	350.00	Nebraska	100.00
Rhode Island	450.00	Kansas	100.00
New York and Pennsylvania	325.00	Wisconsin	130.00
Ohio	275.00	Minnesota	200.00
Indiana	150.00	Dakota	30.00

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for October, 1906

MAINE		WISCONSIN	
Athens C R	\$ 45	Friend of Missions, for F M, \$25.33; Stor-	
Aroostook Q M Aux from Pri school at		er, \$39	\$ 64 33
Midnapore	4 14	MINNESOTA	
Hollis Aux	5 00	Brainard W M S for F M	\$ 50
Island Falls C R	1 00	Blue Earth City, F B Miss Soc'y, F M . .	15 00
Litchfield by Mrs Emily Taylor	1 00	Winnabago, F B S S, Miss Barnes . . .	3 00
No Berwick 2nd Ch, Miss Barnes	8 00	Winona, F B W M S for Storer, \$3; F M, \$4	7 00
No Whitefield, Harold G Clark L L B . .	1 00	IOWA	
Pittsfield, M B Wingate Fund Inc . . .	7 43	Buchanan, Q M Coll, Miss Scott	\$ 5 16
Robinson, Young Ladies' Miss Soc'y.		Cedar Valley, Q M Coll, Miss Scott . . .	1 58
Miss Butts	2 50	Dunkerton Aux, Miss Scott	2 75
Saco C R	6 26	Fairbank Aux, Miss Scott	7 00
So Portland, Mrs K A Hartley 1 sh Miss		Haud'k Fund, Miss Scott	85
HELPER	3 00	Little Cedar Aux, Miss Scott	5 00
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Barnes	4 00	Northern Kansas, Y M, W M S Coll, gen	
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Canaan Ch, Miss Butts	\$ 6 00	CALIFORNIA	
Effingham Falls, Busy Workers, 1 sh Miss		Los Angeles, Mrs L J Rideout for Bible	
HELPER	3 00	Women	\$ 2 00
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Moultonboro and Tuftonboro Ch (C R 15)	2 15	Funds	\$201 84
New Durham, Miss Butts	7 00	MISCELLANEOUS	
New Durham Q M Aux, Miss Butts . . .	15 00	Inc A L & E A Hanson Fund \$13.75 S O;	
Rochester C R	1 27	\$8.25 St College	\$ 22 00
W Lebanon Aux	2 50	Coll by Miss Barnes during recent trip	
W Lebanon, Home Missions	2 50	East	26 55
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MASSACHUSETTS		Gen Wk \$7.50	20 00
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Midnapore	6 25	Me. Aux; credit of \$30.00 in Sept.	
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Somerville Jrs, Miss Barnes, 70c; C R 80c	1 50	Dover, N. H. should have been \$10.00	
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MICHIGAN			
Kingston, Jr A C F for Miss Barnes . . .	\$ 4 00		
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